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PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents
- Copyright
- Anti-counterfeiting
- UPOV
- Trademark, Trade Dress & Publicity Rights Matters
- Trade Secrets & Regulatory
- Data Protection
- Licensing & Technology Transfer
- Internet, E-commerce & Software
- Food & Drug Law

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English
- Spanish

BIOGRAPHY

Otto Licks is a founding partner at Licks Attorneys, a Brazilian law firm with over 350 people among its five offices in Brazil and Japan, as well as a German Desk. Otto is an expert on complex litigation and policy making, with 30 years of experience representing international clients in life sciences (small molecules, biologicals, agrochemicals, and medical devices), telecommunications, electronics, and internet. He has established a reputation as a trial and appellate practice specialist, focusing on preliminary and permanent injunctions and monetization (damages and licensing), advising clients primarily on patent, trade secrets, unfair competition and regulatory data exclusivity, government procurement, food and drug, and regulatory of telecommunications and internet.

Otto was responsible for the first Brazilian nationwide adjudication campaign for patent monetization (optical CD-R disks). Before joining private practice, Mr. Licks worked as a UN/PINUD consultant for the Brazilian State Department, during the implementation of the WTO Agreements. He has been the first chair in over 100 cases, from TROs and ex-parte injunctions up to leading cases before the Brazilian Supreme Court, establishing a reputation as a trial and appellate practice specialist, with an outstanding track record in obtaining, defending, and enforcing preliminary and permanent injunctions.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Lexology Index – Global Elite Thought Leader – Healthcare & Life Sciences – Patent Litigation (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023);
- Análise Advocacia – Rio de Janeiro (2026, 2025, 2024/2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015);
- Análise Advocacia – Intellectual Property (2026, 2025, 2024/2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015);
- IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023);
- Lexology Index – Brazil – IP Patents (2025, 2024);
- Lexology Index – Brazil – Healthcare & Life Sciences (2025);
- Legal 500 Latin America – Intellectual Property (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017);

- Legal 500 Latin America – Life Sciences (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022);
- IAM Global Leader (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021);
- IAM Strategy 300 (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022);
- Lexology Index – Thought Leader Brazil – Patents (2025, 2024, 2023, 2021, 2020);
- Análise Advocacia Regional – Rio de Janeiro (2025);
- Leaders League – Life Sciences (2025, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017);
- Leaders League – Patent Litigation (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017);
- Leaders League – Artificial Intelligence (2025, 2024);
- Leaders League – Patent Prosecution (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021);
- Lexology Index – Global Elite Thought Leader – Healthcare & Life Sciences – Patent Litigation (2025, 2024, 2023);
- IP Stars – Patent Star (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019);
- IAM Patent 1000 – Patent Litigation (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015);
- WIPR Leaders (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017);
- Chambers Brazil Contentious – Intellectual Property – Patent (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021);
- Leaders League – Civil and Commercial Litigation (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018);
- Chambers Global – Intellectual Property – Patent – Brazil (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018);
- Análise Advocacia – Pharmaceutical (2025, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015);
- Lexology Index – Thought Leader Brazil – Life Sciences (2024, 2023, 2021);
- Leaders League – Trademark Litigation (2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018);
- Business Today – Intellectual Property – Lawyer Awards (2023);
- Decisor Brasil – Top Decisores: Managing Partners (2023);
- Chambers Brazil Industries & Sectors: Life Sciences (2023, 2022, 2021);
- Best Lawyers – Intellectual Property Law (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019);
- LACCA Approved – Intellectual Property (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019);
- Best Lawyers – Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020);
- Best Lawyers – Litigation (2023);
- Leaders League – Technology (2022, 2021, 2019, 2018);
- Análise Advocacia – Regulatory (2022, 2020);
- Análise Advocacia – Health (2022);
- Lexology Index – National Leader – Brazil – Intellectual Property – Patents (2022, 2021);
- Lexology Index – National Leader – Brazil – Life Sciences (2022, 2021);
- Lexology Index – Global Leader – Intellectual Property – Patents – (2022);
- Lexology Index – Intellectual Property (Patents) & Life Sciences (Patent Litigation) (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014);
- Best Lawyers – Intellectual Property and Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice (2021);
- Análise Advocacia – Eletronics (2021);
- Benchmark Litigation – Intellectual Property (2021);
- Chambers Latin America – Intellectual Property & Life Sciences Brazil (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017);
- LACCA Approved – Intellectual Property (2020, 2019);
- Benchmark Litigation – ‘Litigation Star’ (2020, 2019, 2018);
- Chambers Latin America – Intellectual Property & Life Sciences (2020);
- Benchmark Litigation – Intellectual Property (2019, 2018);
- Chambers Latin America (2019);
- Benchmark Litigation – Appellate (2018);
- Chambers Latin America – Intellectual Property & Life Sciences – Brazil (2017);
- Leaders League – Intellectual Property Litigation (2016);
- Chambers & Partner (2015);

- PLC Life Sciences – Life Sciences (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006);
- PLC Intellectual – Intellectual Property (2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008);
- Which Lawyer – Intellectual Property attorney – Life sciences (2009, 2008).

AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Circuit Bar Association (FCBA);
- Brazil-China Business Concil (CEBC);
- São Paulo Lawyers Association (AASP);
- Licensing Executives Society (LES);
- New Jersey Intellectual Property Law Association (NJIPLA);
- Brazilian Bar Association – Rio de Janeiro (OAB/RJ);
- Brazilian Bar Association – Distrito Federal (OAB/DF);
- Member of national and international associations such as ABPI, ABAPI, AIPLA, AIPPI, BIO, IBA, IPO, etc.;
- ITechLaw (International Technology Law Association).

EDUCATION

- Fellow, Chizaiken – Institute of Intellectual Property (1997);
- Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D), George Washington University Law School – GW Law (1996);
- Master of Laws (LL.M), Intellectual Property, George Washington University Law School – GW Law (1994);
- Master of Laws (LL.M), International Law, George Washington University Law School – GW Law (1993);
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), Rio de Janeiro State University – UERJ (1993).

PUBLICATIONS

- [Q&A with Lexology Index](#), Lexology, 2026;
- [How UK extraterritorial decisions are undermining Brazilian judicial sovereignty and violating TRIPS](#), Managing IP, 2025;
- [IAM Global Leaders 2026 – Interview](#), IAM, 2025;
- [A bright future for Brazil](#), WIPR, 2025;
- [China's innovation in Brazil: strong patent protection and enforcement](#), China IP Today, 2025;
- [Brazil: a key jurisdiction for patent enforcement](#), The Patent Lawyer Magazine, 2025;
- [Brazil: SEPs and FRAND – litigation, policy and latest developments](#), IAM, 2024;
- [Um é pouco, dois é bom, três é demais? Para se requerer exame de um pedido de patente, três anos é muito melhor](#), Migalhas, 2024;
- [The top Chinese patent holders adding Brazil to their strategic maps](#), IAM, 2024;
- [Five issues on the minds of China's IP players](#), IAM, 2024;
- [Licks promove, em evento, a importância da proteção a patentes](#), Migalhas, 2023;
- [A execução eficaz das normas que regulam o sistema de patentes brasileiro](#), Migalhas, 2023;
- [O Brasil precisa do seu sistema de patentes](#), Jota, 2023;
- [Brazil's Importance to a patent portfolio strategy](#), The Legal 500, 2023;
- [Brazil's Importance to a patent portfolio strategy](#), IP Stars, 2023;
- [Com análise de dados, Licks Attorneys encontra padrões e estabelece chances de sucesso de teses e estratégias para ações judiciais e pedidos de patentes](#), Microsoft, 2022;
- [Autonomia financeira do INPI poderia incentivar inovação no país, dizem especialistas](#), Jota, 2022;
- [Ajuste de prazo de patentes é essencial para proteger inventor](#), Folha de S. Paulo, 2022;
- [A gestão atual do INPI é a melhor nas últimas décadas \[...\] mas o prazo para decisão está longe de estar dentro do razoável](#), Jota, 2022;

- [Projeto de Retomada do Trabalho Presencial](#), Correio Braziliense, 2022;
- [Otto Licks comenta sobre lei de Propriedade Industrial](#), Estadão, 2021;
- [Otto Licks comenta os vetos à nova lei do licenciamento compulsório](#), O Globo, 2021;
- [Não existe extensão de patente no Brasil](#), Estadão, 2021;
- [Dia decisivo para o futuro da inovação](#), Estadão, 2021;
- [A hegemonia da técnica e o papel do Supremo Tribunal Federal na ADI nº 5.529](#), Conjur, 2021;
- [A hegemonia da técnica e o papel do STF na ADI nº 5.529](#), Migalhas, 2021;
- [A hegemonia da técnica e o STF no debate sobre patentes](#), O Globo, 2021;
- [Entenda o que está em jogo no julgamento sobre o prazo de patentes no STF](#), Jota, 2021;
- [STF decidirá sobre mudanças na lei de patentes; empresários temem prejuízos](#), CNN Brasil, 2021;
- [Mais de 31 mil patentes podem ser atingidas por julgamento no STF](#), Poder 360, 2021;
- [Otto Licks na CNN](#), CNN Brasil, 2021;
- [Otto Licks na CBN](#), CBN, 2021;
- [Mais de 31 mil patentes podem ser atingidas por julgamento no STF](#), Poder 360, 2021;
- [Decisão do STF sobre nulidade de mais de 31 mil patentes de invenção ameaça retomada da economia](#), Estadão, 2021;
- [Julgamento no Supremo coloca em risco 31 mil patentes no país](#), Valor Econômico, 2021;
- [A invalidação de mais de 31 mil patentes não contribuirá para o combate à Covid-19](#), Consultor Jurídico, 2021;
- [Licks Attorneys na Veja](#), Veja, 2021;
- [Licks Attorneys no Valor Econômico](#), Valor Econômico, 2021;
- [Brazilian Supreme Court Sets an earlier date to decide the fate on the 10-Year Patent Term](#), BRICS & Beyond, 2021;
- [Em pedido ao STF, PGR mira Covid-19, mas acerta na economia nacional](#), Jota, 2021;
- [O crescimento do Brasil depende de um sistema de patentes confiável](#), Justiça & Cidadania, 2020;
- [A estreia da propriedade intelectual no STF: ADI 5529 e seus impactos sistêmicos](#), Jota, 2020.