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PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents
- Prosecution
- Life Sciences

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English

BIOGRAPHY

Maria Luiza Rodrigues is a pharmacist and patent specialist who joined Licks Attorneys' Rio de Janeiro office in 2019. She works with intellectual property, mainly with prosecution of patents and patent applications at the BRPTO, with emphasis on the pharmaceutical, chemical and biotechnological field. Ms. Rodrigues' role includes performing searches, analyzing and reporting technical opinions from the BRPTO and ANVISA (Brazil's FDA), preparing briefs to comply with or contest said technical opinions, as well as preparing and replying to third-party observations (pre-grant and post-grant oppositions). As a member of Licks Attorneys' technical staff, she also assists the litigation team with her technical background in the pharmaceutical field. Ms. Rodrigues has extensive knowledge on the Brazilian Patent Statute, normative instructions and examination guidelines issued by the BRPTO, as well as the main intellectual property treaties.

EDUCATION

- Master's Degree (M.Sc), Chemistry, Military Institute of Engineering – IME (ongoing);
- MBA, Leadership, Team Management and Productivity, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul – PUCRS (2025);
- Bachelor's Degree (B.Sc), Pharmacy, Fluminense Federal University – UFF (2021);
- Chemistry Technical Course, Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Rio de Janeiro – IFRJ (2016).

PUBLICATIONS

- [Prosecution history estoppel in Brazil: is it an issue?](#), Managing IP, 2026;
- [Double patenting and the Brazilian patent practice](#), Kluwer Patent Blog, 2023.