

**PARTNER****Ana Cristina Müller, D.Sc.**

Ana Cristina Müller is an engineer, partner at BMA and head of the Patent and Design practice. She specializes in developing and executing worldwide patent and industrial design strategies and patent portfolio management for a wide range of clients – from chemical industries to telecommunication conglomerates – and does significant work in complex patent litigation involving subject matters such as video compression, standard essential patents, civil industry equipments and genetic engineering.

LANGUAGES

Portuguese, English

INFORMATION AND CONTACT

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 Resume

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Professional experience

Ana files and prosecutes patent applications and advises clients on freedom-to-operate analyses, prepares validity and infringement opinions and assists clients in post-allowance actions. She has earned a reputation as successful patent prosecutor. Ana also conducts due diligence in investment and acquisition contexts, helping clients to decide on the best strategy to pursue.

A frequent participant and speaker at intellectual property seminars and meetings in Brazil and abroad, Ana Cristina is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the ABPI - Brazilian Intellectual Property Association and co-chair of ABPI New Technologies Committee (Telecom, Software, AI, IoT).

Ana has also written several articles on patents and is co-author of Patents in Biotechnology – A Practical Guide for Drafters of Patent Applications, published by the Brazilian Corporation of Agricultural Research.

Ana is a member of the BMA Women Committee.

Education

Ph.D. – Technology of Chemical and Biochemical Processes – Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ (2003).

Specialization in Business and Technological Management of the Chemical Industry – Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ (1998).

Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering – Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ (1995).

Associations

Member of the Executive Committee of the Brazilian Intellectual Property Association – ABPI (2026–2027 term).

Co-Chair of ABPI New Technologies Committee (Telecom, Software, AI, IoT) (since 2022).

Co-Chair of ABPI Patent Committee (2016-2021).

Vice-chair of the Intellectual Property Owners Association Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Committee (2008-2013).

Co-chair of the Brazilian Association of Intellectual Property (ABPI) Plant Variety Protection Committee (2012-2013).

Co-chair of the ABPI Biotechnology Committee (2008-2011).

Member of the FICPI - Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle.

Member of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property – AIPPI.

Recognitions

Ana Müller is frequently recommended for her work in Intellectual Property, Technology, Patents, Designs and Life Sciences in publications such as IAM Patent, MIP, ILO, IP Stars, Legal 500, Latin Lawyer and Lexology Index. Among the recent awards are:

IAM Strategy 300, an annual research project that identifies top practitioners who are taking IP portfolio management to the next level.

Recognized as one of the best patent professionals in the "IAM Patent 1000", for several years, from 2014 to 2026.

Recognized as an IP Star by Managing Intellectual Property – MIP.

Recognized as Patent Expert of the Year in Brazil 2022 by Corporate INTL Global Awards.

Winner of the prestigious International Law Office's "Client Choice Award" in the Patent category in 2015 and 2017.

Depoimentos

Ana Cristina Müller combines her knowledge of different areas and broad understanding of the commercial environment to build comprehensive strategies and make well-versed decisions in court-related matters.

IAM Patent

Ana Cristina Müller, who has a strong reputation in the biotech sector, heads up the patent and design team, which brings together lawyers, engineers and scientists.

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