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PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate/Securities

EDUCATION

LL.M., 2002, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, *Law and Business Review of the Americas*, Special Editor (Winter/Spring, 2002)
Bachelor of Law (JD equivalent), 1999, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo - PUC/SP

ADMITTED

Not Admitted to Practice in Texas
São Paulo/Brazil 1999
New York 2004

LANGUAGES

Portuguese
Spanish
English

As a lawyer in Brazil, Nara worked on tax, corporate and finance matters. Licensed to practice law in Brazil and in the U.S., Nara represented Brazilian companies doing business in the U.S. as well as U.S. and European entities doing business in Brazil in a variety of corporate, tax and finance matters. She has also represented banks, multilaterals agencies, and corporations in complex domestic and cross-border finance transactions in Latin America.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a multilateral lender in connection with its loan to increase the on-lending operations of a Brazilian bank
- Represented a multilateral lender in connection with its loan to increase the on-lending operations of a Honduran bank to small and medium size enterprises in Honduras, fund general corporate purposes of the Honduran bank and to fund the origination by the Honduran bank of residential mortgage loans
- Represented a multilateral lender in connection with its loan to restructure a major biofuels Brazilian company's debt and fund the ethanol production expansion
- Represented a major Chinese oil and gas company in its bid to purchase oil and gas exploration assets in Peru
- Represented a major Chinese oil and gas company in its bid to purchase deepwater oil and gas reserves in Angola

ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

- Brazilian Update: Securitization in Brazil, Tax Reform and International Trade Issues *Law and Business Review of the Americas, Law & Bus. Rev. Am.* (Winter 2008)
- Brazilian Update: Law and Economic Issues *Law and Business Review of the Americas, Law & Bus. Rev. Am.* (Fall 2007)
- Brazilian Update: Brazilian Code of Civil Procedure, The New Procedure for Execution of Judgment & The Brazilian Growth Acceleration Plan and its Effects in the Brazilian Legal Order *Law and Business Review of the Americas, Law & Bus. Rev. Am.* (Summer 2007)

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- MERCOSUR, NAFTA, FTAA and Its Effects in Federal Taxation of International Transactions Between the United States and Brazil: A Comparative Study *Law and Business Review of the Americas, Law & Bus. Rev. Am.* (Fall 2004)

BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

- "MERCOSUR," presented at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas (April 19, 2007)
- "Export Roundtable - Brazil Discussion Leader," presented to North Texas District Export Council, Dallas, Texas (February 28, 2007)

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

- Brazilian Bar Association

Editor

- Professional Associate Editor-in-Chief, *Law and Business Review of the Americas*, an American Bar Association Law Journal Publication
- Associate Executive Director and Research Fellow, Southern Methodist University Institute of the Americas