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Nuno Pires de Carvalho has dedicated more than 40 years to practicing and teaching intellectual property law, as a lawyer in Brazil, and as an international civil servant in the secretariats of the World Trade Organization (WTO) (1996-1999) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (1999-2015). He holds two SJD degrees, from the Law School of the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, and from the Law School of Washington University in St. Louis, MO, USA. In 2015, after 16 years of service, he retired from WIPO, and in 2016 he joined Licks Attorneys, a Brazilian law firm, as a partner. In 2019 he joined the Advisory Board of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as a member. He has authored a number of books and articles on various topics of intellectual property and competition, published in Europe, the United States and Brazil.

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