

Felipe Berer Joins Reed Smith as a Partner in Miami Office

MIAMI, June 17, 2020 – Global law firm Reed Smith today announced that Felipe Berer has joined the firm as a partner in the Miami office in the Global Disputes Group. Berer is also a member of the firm's Latin America Business Team. Formerly head of the Brazil practice at Akerman LLP, Berer represents multinational companies doing business in the United States, Brazil, and throughout Latin America. He has significant experience advising Brazilian companies in a wide array of industries on cross-border commercial disputes, litigation and arbitration, and insolvency matters both in the US and in Brazil.

An internationally recognized lawyer, Berer is dual licensed in the US and Brazil and a native Portuguese speaker whose clients include Fortune 500 companies and some of the largest and most successful Brazilian conglomerates and investors. Sometimes acting in the capacity of outside general counsel, he works with companies that are often involved in parallel litigation in both jurisdictions. In addition, he advises Brazilian companies that are creditors or debtors in bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings related to Chapter 11 and Chapter 15 filings in the US, or where there is a Brazilian insolvency recognized in the US. He also regularly advises international clients on a wide array of matters, including trade policy, export controls and sanctions under US and Brazilian laws, contract negotiations, especially supply and distribution agreements, and government affairs in Brazil.

Berer has been ranked by Chambers Global for eight consecutive years, 2013-2020, in the International Trade (USA) category as the only Foreign Expert for Brazil based in the United States.

Berer began his legal career at Barbosa, Müssnich, & Aragão

Advogados in Rio de Janeiro. He later practiced at Bryan Cave and Mayer Brown before joining Akerman in 2012. He received his LL.B. from Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and his LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. He is a former president and current member of the advisory council of the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce of Florida, serves on the advisory board of the Brazil-Florida Business Council, and is on the board of directors of Georgetown University's Club of Miami.