

PRO BONO REPRESENTATION IN BRAZIL

The Brazilian Bar Association (OAB) finally approved the text of its new Ethics Code that deals with pro bono representation, which is exercised in Brazil for many years now, but had not yet been regulated by the Federal Council of the Brazilian Bar Association. According to the text approved by the Federal Council, pro bono representation is defined as providing legal services free of charges, occasionally and voluntarily for entities dedicated to social, communitarian and philanthropic services and also to individuals that cannot afford to hire a lawyer. The patron of pro bono representation in Brazil is lawyer Luiz Gama who in the XIX century voluntarily and without receiving professional fees defended the cause of abolishing slavery in the country. If you represent an entity dedicated to social, communitarian or philanthropic services (such as NGO, for example) and requires counselling on Intellectual Property matters in Brazil, feel free to send your project for our perusal. If approved by our partners, we may represent your entity on a pro bono basis.

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