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PROFILE

Thomas Felsberg is the Founding Partner of Felsberg Advogados and a global reference in the area of insolvency and debt restructuring. Recognized by publications such as Latin Lawyer, Chambers and Partners, The Legal 500, and Leaders League as one of Brazil's leading insolvency lawyers, Thomas was a member of the committees responsible for the drafting of the current Business Restructuring and Insolvency Law in Brazil.

He is the first Latin American lawyer to receive the Global Restructuring Review's Lifetime Achievement Award, for his work in restructuring and insolvency with respect to Brazilian and foreign companies, in June 2019. He was also presented by Chambers and Partners with their inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award, Brazil, on 31 March 2022.

EXPERIENCE

Thomas' recent experience includes advising:

- A Brazilian renewable energy company in its BRL 3.1 billion judicial restructuring;
- One of the largest sugar and ethanol groups in the country in its judicial restructuring with over BRL 2 billion in debts;
- The second largest creditor in the BRL 98 billion debt restructuring of a Brazilian construction conglomerate; and
- Several creditors in the recently completed BRL 60 billion restructuring by a Brazilian telecommunications company.

PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American College of Bankruptcy
- Former Executive Committee Board member of the International Insolvency Institute
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Brazilian Association of Infrastructure and Base Industries (ABDIB)
- INSOL International
- Brazilian Institute of Company Restructuring Studies (IBR)
- Member of the Legal Council, Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo (FIESP)
- Honorary Member of The Center for the Study of Law Firms (CESA)
- President of the Advisory Board of the Columbia University Club of Brazil
- Member of the Board of the Columbia Global Center of Rio de Janeiro
- President of the Advisory Board of TMA Brasil
- Admitted to the São Paulo branch of the Brazilian Bar Association (OAB/SP)

EDUCATION

- LL.M. Columbia University

- LL.B., USP – Universidade de São Paulo

PUBLICAÇÕES

The author of an extensive list of books and articles in Portuguese and English, Thomas has actively participated as a speaker and panelist at congresses and conferences throughout the world.