

The Changing Business and Human Rights Landscape: Implications for Legal Practitioners in Brazil

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WEBINAR SUMMARY

On 29 June 2022, GBI organised a webinar on "The Changing Business and Human Rights Landscape: Implications for Legal Practitioners in Brazil." Recognising the need to include legal practitioners in discussions around mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence measures, the webinar was aimed at legal practitioners in companies and firms.

Panelists included Dr. Thomas Voland, a partner with Clifford Chance, Juliana Gomes Ramalho Monteiro a partner with Mattos Filho, and Clara Pacce Pinto Serva a partner with Tozzini Freire. The discussion began with a brief overview of the reporting and mandatory due diligence legislation in Europe, including the German Supply Chain Act.

From there, the discussion turned to developments from Brazil, including the evolution of the ESG agenda, an update on the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights and an overview of the increased litigation around business and human rights issues. Based on developments in Europe and in Brazil, it is clear that mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence is the direction of travel and companies in Brazil would be well minded to implement respect for human rights in their operations.

Lastly, the panelists made recommendations on what legal practitioners can and should do now to prepare for the growing pieces of mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation that will affect business in Brazil. You can watch to the webinar in English and Portuguese here.

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