

This has occurred in part because of an ongoing process of institutional improvement. Over the past thirty years of democracy, the country has seen moments of institutional innovation in the provision of legal services, such as the granting of almost complete autonomy to a powerful federal prosecutor's office, the *Ministério Público*, the creation of oversight bodies such as the *Controladoria Geral da União* (CGU), and a major judicial reform in 2004, which created an external oversight body, the National Judiciary Council (CNJ), to improve court performance. Increased funding to bureaucracies such as the Federal Police and the Accounting Tribunals, together with increased transparency, have boosted the monitoring of public works and government service provision.

PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 AM

Light Continental Breakfast

6th Floor Gildenhorn Room

9:00 – 9:30 AM

Welcome:

Paulo Sotero, Director of the Brazil Institute

Opening Remarks:

Ambassador Luiz Alberto Figueiredo, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States

9:30 – 11:00 AM

First session: The Courts and the Rule of Law in Democratic Brazil

Minister Luis Inácio Adams, Office of the Union's Solicitor General

Dean Oscar Vilhena Vieira, FGV Law School - São Paulo

Judge Peter Messitte, US District Court, District of Maryland, and Washington College of Law

Dr. Glauca Maria Lauletta Frascino, Partner, Mattos Filho Advogados

BREAK

11:15 – 12:45 PM

Second session: Reforming Institutions and Changing Ideas in the Brazilian Judiciary

Minister Nelson Jobim, former congressman, Minister of Justice, Minister of Defense, and former Chief Justice of the Brazilian Supreme Federal Tribunal

Dean Joaquim Falcão, FGV Law School - Rio de Janeiro

Dr. Linn Hammergren, Independent Consultant on Justice Reform

1:00 – 2:15PM

Lunch:

The legal business environment and corporate governance

Eli Whitney Debevoise II, Senior Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP

Amadeu Ribeiro, Managing Partner New York Office, Mattos Filho Advogados

2:30 -4:00 PM

Third session: Democratizing Access and Oversight in Brazilian Law

Professor Maria Tereza Sadek, University of São Paulo

Professor Luciana Gross Cunha, FGV Law School - São Paulo

Professor Matthew M. Taylor, School of International Service, American University

BREAK

4:15 – 5:15 PM

Concluding session: Brazil and the International Legal Order

Dean Jim Goldgeier, School of International Service, American University

Dean Joaquim Falcão, FGV Law School, Rio de Janeiro

Dean Oscar Vilhena, FGV Law School São Paulo

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ADJOURN