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Felsberg adds sports law counsel

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Brazilian firm Felsberg Advogados has hired an entertainment and sports lawyer with both in-house and private practice experience as counsel.

Thiago Nicacio Lima joined the Highly Recommended firm on 1 June, where he will focus on contractual, corporate and sports law.

Lima, 38, has experience both as a lawyer and manager of professional athletes, clubs and sports associations. He left <u>Elite</u> firm Demarest in 2020, where he spent just over two years. Since then, Lima has been working at his own outfit.

Before entering private practice in 2018, Lima worked as a lawyer for Brazilian and Latin American athletes from football clubs such as Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea and Arsenal, including David Luiz, Lucas Moura, Marquinhos, Maxwell and Edinson Cavani. He was previously also the legal officer of the Association Sportive Futsal Paulista, a French futsal club.

Founding partner Thomas Felsberg says Lima's arrival will help further establish the outfit's full-service offering. "The world today is collaborative and, in this sense, bringing the experience of sector specialists to the office allows us to confidently expand the array of services we offer to our clients," he explains.

Felsberg has added talent to other departments recently as well. Earlier in 2022, the firm hired a real estate partner from Chodraui e Tambuque Advogados. Before that, it reinforced its international offering with the return of a former partner from a German firm. Last year, Felsberg also strengthened its banking and capital markets practices by hiring a partner from KLA Advogados, which came after it recruited a project finance associate from TozziniFreire Advogados to its senior rank.

A star performer in restructuring and insolvency work, Felsberg also fields an impressive corporate and M&A team. Back in March, the firm hetped Brazilian copper producer Paranapanema renegotiate its US\$479 million debt pile, while at the start of the year it advised local sugar ethanol company Grupo Moreno in a debt repayment worth 1 billion reais (US\$180 million).

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