

*Former partner at Veirano Advogados and Araújo e Policastro Advogados, Isabela joins BVA to bolster the firm's practice in strategic corporate transactions and international deals.*

BVA – Barreto Veiga Advogados has announced the addition of [Isabela Xavier](#) as a new partner in its M&A and Corporate practices. Her arrival further strengthens the firm's transactional expertise, particularly in high-level M&A, private equity, cross-border deals, and corporate matters for publicly held companies, with a strong focus on international work.

Isabela brings over 25 years of experience advising Brazilian and international companies across various industries on complex mergers and acquisitions, corporate reorganizations, and joint ventures. She has led numerous strategic transactions on both the buy and sell sides, representing domestic and global clients.

Isabela holds a law degree from the Universidade de São Paulo (USP) and an LL.M. from the University of Chicago. She previously served as in-house counsel at Nasdaq-listed Strategy, Inc. (Ticker: MSTR), where she was responsible for overseeing the company's legal operations in Brazil, Portugal, and South Africa. She practiced corporate law at Squire Patton Boggs LLP in New York, advising clients on sophisticated cross-border transactions. Isabela is licensed to practice in Brazil (OAB-SP) and New York (New York State Bar Association).

Joining BVA with a team of three professionals, Isabela's arrival expands the firm's M&A and Corporate practice to four partners and over 20 professionals.

Her expertise has been consistently recognized by leading national and international legal directories, including The Legal 500, Latin Lawyer 250, Análise Advocacia, and Análise Advocacia Mulher.

"I'm joining BVA driven by the opportunity to contribute to a firm that combines technical excellence, strategic thinking, and a truly client-centric approach. The firm's mission — delivering legal solutions that create real business impact — perfectly aligns with the values that guide my career. I'm excited to bring my experience to BVA's corporate and transactional practice, particularly in deals with an international dimension," says Isabela.

Recognized as one of Brazil's leading law firms for M&A by Chambers, The Legal 500, IFLR1000, Leaders League, and other prominent rankings, BVA continues to strengthen its

focus on high-end transactional work in the middle market. Isabela's arrival further enhances the firm's ability to support international clients, investors, and publicly listed companies, reaffirming its commitment to delivering top-tier legal advice.

"The addition of Isabela and her team represents a major milestone for our M&A and Corporate practices, which have seen significant growth in recent years. Her extensive experience handling high-profile transactions both in Brazil and internationally, coupled with her strategic vision and client-centered approach, will be a valuable asset to our clients, our team, and the firm," said [Felipe Barreto Veiga](#), Managing Partner at BVA and head of the practice.

[Gustavo Quevedez](#), partner in the firm's Corporate group — which includes Real Estate, Contracts, Compliance, Contract Governance, and Data Privacy, and collaborates closely with the M&A and Corporate teams — added: "This move underscores our ongoing commitment to building a highly skilled team with a strong footprint in both transactional work and corporate advisory."