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Pereira Neto boosts antitrust partnership

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Pereira Neto Macedo Advogados has promoted Paulo Leonardo Casagrande to partner in its São Paulo competition practice.

Casagrande, 32, joined Pereira Neto as a senior associate three years ago. Since then, he has advised Swiss dental implant company Straumann on its purchase of a stake in Brazilian rival Neodent, telecoms company Oi on its [acquisition](#) of Brasil Telecom, and petrochemical company Braskem in its [tie-up](#) with Quattor.

“I am very happy about the work done in these three years and the increasing recognition of the firm in the antitrust field,” says Casagrande. “Joining this talented and experienced team of lawyers that forms the partnership of Pereira Neto Macedo is a truly special moment, and I am glad I will continue to be able to be even more involved in the development of the firm.”

Before joining Pereira Neto, Casagrande was head of the Secretariat of Economic Law’s public procurement unit. During this time, he oversaw dawn raids of four IT companies and one trade association suspected of conspiring to rig bids for computer services to the government.

Casagrande began his legal career at Levy & Salomão Advogados in 1999 and worked at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Brussels from 2006 to 2007.

Caio Mario Pereira Neto, head of the firm’s competition practice, says Casagrande has been “key” in the development of the firm’s antitrust capabilities.

“His strong academic background, diversified experience and international exposure have been important assets in assisting our clients in complex merger and conduct cases,” he says. “I have no doubt his successful path will continue as he joins the partnership.”

The promotion, which was effective on 20 August, comes less than a month after the firm merged with corporate litigation firm França e Nunes Pereira, Advogados.

Pereira Neto has two partners in its São Paulo competition practice.