



## Bernardo Zito Porto

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### OVERVIEW

Bernardo guides clients through all stages of complex commercial litigation, proactive risk assessment on insurance coverage matters and cross-border disputes.

Insurance companies, manufacturers, financial institutions and investors are among the worldwide clients that rely on Bernardo's counsel. He has handled a range of commercial matters in and out of the courtroom, including:

- Breach of contract actions
- Bad faith and fraud claims
- CERCLA cost recovery actions
- Declaratory judgment actions
- Patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation
- Product liability

Bernardo also has significant experience with international litigation and arbitration, and contributes to a variety of complex matters involving cross-border disputes. Having practiced in the United States and Brazil, clients appreciate Bernardo's broad international perspective on litigation, arbitration and international trade issues. Bernardo leverages his cross-cultural background to assist clients in Section 337 cases before the U.S. International Trade Commission, and with trade-related regulatory

### Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

### Services

Canada, Mexico, Central & South America

Commercial Litigation

Customs

Financial Services Litigation

Insurance

International

International Trade & Supply Chain

International Trade Remedies

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Section 337

issues such as U.S. Customs and Border Protection audits, penalties, redelivery notices and other agency enforcement activities.

### Recognition

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinders Program, 2023
- American Bar Association Free Legal Answers Pro Bono Leader, 2021 and 2022
- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2019-2021

### Education

- LL.M., University of Michigan Law School
  - Michigan Grotius Fellow
  - International Arbitration and Insurance Law
- LL.B., Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

### Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
- Brazil

### Community Leadership

- International Relations Council of Kansas City (IRCKC)
- Alumni Association of the University of Michigan



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