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Samuel Jay Levy is a lawyer, Senior Partner and founder of SAL & Caldeira Advogados, Lda. He assists the Projects, Energy & Infrastructure Practice Group of the firm. In that capacity he provides legal advice to a variety of private sector clients on Mozambican law questions relating to mining, oil & gas and infrastructure.

Related services

Finance and Projects

Corporate

Employment

Languages spoken

Portuguese, English, Spanish

Experience

Professional Qualifications

- Advice and negotiating assistance with respect to LNG development in Mozambique.
- Advice and negotiating assistance with respect to reform of the legal framework for petroleum and for mining.
- Advice and representation of various investors in respect of mining concessions and contracts in Mozambique.
- Assistance in negotiations on behalf of the Mozambican private sector on Mega-Projects Law and related regulations.
- Representation of various oil & gas firms in negotiations for petroleum exploration and production concessions.
- Mediation of a tariff dispute between a sovereign state and the foreign-owned water and electricity utility of that state.
- Author of "The Legal Framework for Mining in Mozambique," a broad survey of the legal environment for investment in the mining sector.
- Due diligence and issuance of legal opinions in respect of financing agreements.

Credentials

Prior Experience

- SAL & Caldeira Advogados, Lda. - Senior Partner, 2006 – present. SAL & Caldeira Advogados, Lda. is the firm resulting from the merger of SAL Consultoria e Investimentos, Lda. and the legal office of Dr. José Manuel Caldeira
- SAL & Caldeira Advogados, Lda. - Managing Partner, 2013-15
- SAL Consultoria e Investimentos, Lda. - Managing Partner, 1999-2005
- Senior Democracy and Governance Advisor - USAID, 1997-99. Responsible for the design and implementation of USAID's program of legal reform assistance in Mozambique
- Associate - Sullivan & Cromwell, 1995-97. Broad international corporate law practice with a strong emphasis on capital markets transactions and joint ventures for Brazilian private and public sector entities

- Political Affairs Officer - United Nations Operation in Mozambique, 1993-94. Mediated alleged cease-fire violations between Government and RENAMO forces for the U.N.'s peacekeeping operation in Mozambique. Developed and negotiated standardized procedures and forms related to the administration of the cease-fire
- Instructor - Eduardo Mondlane University, 1994. Prepared and taught a course on international business law for practicing lawyers and advanced students
- Associate - Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, 1990-93. International corporate law practice focused on capital markets transactions, with special emphasis on transactions related to Brazil
- Freelance journalist, 1984-86. Wrote for The Economist, The Wall Street Journal, The Christian Science Monitor and other publications; Fellow, Institute of Current World Affairs and ITT, Mozambique and Portugal

Education

- Universidade A Politécnica, Maputo, Mozambique, Law Degree (2008)
- J.D. Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, USA (1989)
- Harvard Law School - J.D., cum laude, 1989. President of the Harvard chapter of the Federalist Society. Mediator, small claims and criminal courts of greater Boston. Brown University - B.A., magna cum laude, Development Studies, 1984

Recognition

- Ranked Senior Statesperson, on General Business Law in Chambers Global, 2024.
- Ranked as Highly Regarded Lawyer in IFLR1000, 2023.
- Ranked as Leading Lawyer in Legal 500, 2023.

Memberships

- Mozambique Bar Association
- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)