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2021 highlights in Brazil: BPTO

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This article is part of a series reviewing the IP landscape in 2021.⁽¹⁾ This article looks particularly at an important development that took place with regard to the Brazilian Patent and Trademark Office (BPTO).

In 2021, the Brazilian IP Association (ABPI) filed a lawsuit seeking the financial and administrative autonomy of the BPTO. This is because the ABPI returns to the Brazilian central government a significant portion of its revenue, so it is unable to reinvest such revenue in, for example:

- the improvement of its IT systems;
- the hiring of new examiners; or
- the development of new software.

The IP community in Brazil expects a good result from this lawsuit. It is hoped that the autonomy of the BPTO will enable it to improve its services for the benefit of IP owners.

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Endnotes

(1) For the first article in this series, please see "2021 highlights in Brazil: trademarks".

