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Professor Antonio Benjamin was appointed Justice of the *High Court of Brazil* in 2006 by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. He was Assistant Attorney General of the State of Sao Paulo for over twenty years, where he was the Head of the Environmental Protection Division for 4 years. Professor Benjamin was the founding President of the *Brazilian Consumer Law and Policy Institute* and *Law for a Green Planet Institute*. He is currently chair of the *Brazil-US Law Society*, and co-president of *INECE – The International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement*. Professor Benjamin is also the former President of the *Brazilian Fulbright Alumni Association*, a member of the *UN Secretary General Legal Expert Groups on Crimes against the Environment* and for many years a member of *CONAMA- The Brazilian Environmental Council*, first appointed by president Fernando Henrique Cardoso and later re-appointed by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Professor Benjamin received his LL.B. from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, his LL.M. from the University of Illinois and his PhD from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. He is the emeritus editor-in-chief of the *Brazilian Consumer Law Review* and the *Brazilian Environmental Law Review*. He is the co-drafter of several major Brazilian statutes, including the 1990 Consumer Protection Code, the 1992 Anti-Corruption Act, the 1994 Competition Act, the 1998 Crimes Against the Environment Act, the 2001 (reformed) Forest Code, the 2006 Forest Concession Act and the 2006 Atlantic Forest Act.