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Bolsonaro nominates commissioners for Brazil's competition watchdog

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Brazil's president has altered his commissioners nominations for the country's competition authority.

On 29 August, President Jair Bolsonaro nominated Lenisa Rodrigues Prado to the tribunal of Administrative Council for Economic Defence (CADE). Bolsonaro initially named Prado as chief prosecutor a week before and had left one commissioner position vacant.

Walter de Agra Júnior will now remain in his position as chief prosecutor, which he has held since 2017. Prado's nomination to the tribunal means that two of the seven commissioners at the authority are female.

Prado practises civil and tax law and has previously been a tribunal member for the Federal Administrative Tax Court.

The nominations now require approval from the Senate Committee for Economic Issues and the Plenary Chamber. The president will then publish a decree confirming the appointments and the date they will take office.

If the nominations are approved, Prado, Luiz Augusto Azevedo De Almeida Hoffmann, Luis Henrique Bertolino Braidó and Sergio Coast Ravagnani will join Paula Farani de Azevedo Silveira and Maurício Oscar Bandeira Maia as commissioners.

Cristianne Saccab Zarzur, a partner at Pinheiro Neto, said there is no information on the reason for the change in Prado's proposed role. Nonetheless, she said, if Prado's nomination is approved by the senate, this is "good news in terms of women representation" at CADE's tribunal.

Daniel Oliveira Andreoli, a partner at Demarest Advogados, said it is "no major news" for commissioners to lack antitrust experience when first appointed to CADE. But it is "at least of concern" now that the majority of commissioners do not have competition expertise, he said.

CADE declined to comment. The president's office did not respond to Latin Lawyer's sister publication *Global Competition Review's* request for comment.

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