

## **PROFESSIONAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE**

**Position:** Full and Independent Member of the Neoenergia Board of Directors

**Date of last election:** May 29, 2024.

### **Positions and professional activities currently performed**

Partner at Trench Rossi Watanabe law firm and leader of the tax practice in Rio de Janeiro office

### **Personal profile and educational background**

Married, mother of two daughters, Maria Fernanda is a lawyer and holds a degree in Law from Pontifícia Universidade Católica – PUC, in Rio de Janeiro.

She is fluent in Portuguese and English and has an intermediate level in French.

### **Experience in energy sector**

Maria Fernanda heads the tax practice at the law firm Trench Rossi Watanabe, in Rio de Janeiro, the same firm where she began her career as a lawyer in June 1996, becoming a partner in 2006.

She works in the energy, mining and infrastructure sectors, with an emphasis on the oil, gas and renewables industries, and has extensive experience in international taxation, mergers and acquisitions, tax planning and indirect taxation. In recent years, Maria Fernanda has been advising Brazilian and international customers on structuring solar and wind power generation projects, conservation, recovery and rehabilitation of degraded areas, involving the development of carbon credits, and biofuel production. From 2018 to 2023, she was a member of the Energy, Mining and Infrastructure Committee in the context of the strategic partnership established between Trench, Rossi e Watanabe and Baker & MacKenzie.

She is recognized as a significant leader in the tax area and in the energy industry by renowned publications such as “Chambers & Partners”, “International Tax Review” and “Legal 500”. Maria Fernanda is a member of the discussion group on the Tax Reform of Consumption Taxation organized by Fundação Getúlio Vargas’ Tax Studies Center (NEF) and has contributed to the improvement of the Hydrogen regulatory framework together with the Brazilian Hydrogen Association (ABH2).

### **Experience in other sectors**

She has been a partner at Trench Rossi e Watanabe for 18 years, working extensively in the legal market and advising national and multinational companies with a focus on Infrastructure, Capital and Consumer Goods, Technology and Entertainment, as well as Energy.