

### **Antonio Herman Benjamin**

Antonio Benjamin was appointed in 2006 by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as a Justice of the High Court of Brazil (“Superior Tribunal de Justiça”). Prior to his appointment as Justice he served as a senior Assistant Attorney General of the State of São Paulo in Brazil, where he was the head of both the consumer and environmental protection divisions. Justice Benjamin received an LLB from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and an LLM from the University of Illinois College of Law. He teaches a course on Comparative Environmental Law and a seminar on Biodiversity Law at the University of Texas Law School (Austin), where he has been a Visiting professor for the past fourteen years. He has lectured in a number of international countries, including Belgium, Portugal, Argentina, France, Germany, Italy, Peru, Chile, Mexico, Canada, China, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Spain.

He served as Chair of the Brazil-US Law Society and is a former President of the Brazilian Fulbright Alumni Association. Justice Benjamin is also the founder of the Brazilian Consumer Law and Policy Institute and the Law for a Green Planet Institute. He was a member of the legal expert committee that drafted several Brazilian statutes including the Brazilian Consumer Protection Code, the Competition Act and the Crimes against the Environment Act. Justice Benjamin was also a member of the UN Secretary General Legal Experts Group on Crimes Against the Environment; he was a member of CONAMA (the Brazilian Environmental Council) for many years, appointed originally by president Fernando Henrique Cardoso and reappointed by President Lula da Silva. Justice Benjamin also served as the special advisor for judicial affairs to the president of the Brazilian Senate and was the editor-in- chief of the *Brazilian Environmental Law Journal*