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Personal Life & Early Trajectory

João Mateus Borges da Silveira was born on June 3, 1978, in Janaúba, Minas Gerais. In his childhood, his family moved to São Luís, Maranhão, where he grew up and built the foundations of his personal and professional identity.

Educated at Colégio Santa Teresa, one of São Luís' most traditional schools, João Mateus demonstrated an early interest in learning and leadership. During the university strike of 1997/1998, he broadened his horizons by studying English in New York and Connecticut, graduating with distinction from Westchester Community College. This international exposure was decisive for his later academic and professional trajectory.

Professional Summary

Lawyer since 2003, João Mateus is the Founder and CEO of Borges Advogados Associados, a firm headquartered in São Luís with branches in Rio de Janeiro and Brasília. His practice spans corporate disputes, maritime and pilotage law, infrastructure, real estate, and international tax structuring, including transfer pricing and OECD/BEPS compliance. He is recognized for integrating traditional advocacy with innovation, particularly Visual Law approaches and cross-border vision. His office is noted for strategic litigation, corporate advisory services, maritime law expertise, tax structuring (including transfer pricing and BEPS/OECD compliance), and Visual Law innovation. He was invited as a Speaker at the LexTalk World Conference, recognized for his global vision and for integrating Brazilian legal practice with international frameworks.

Credentials & Bar Admissions

- * Brazilian Bar (OAB): MA 6.665 (principal), DF 76.857 and PA 41.089-A (supplementary).
- * Active dockets across STF, STJ, TRF1, TJMA, TJPA, and Marabá.
- * These registrations attest to his professional recognition and enable his practice across multiple Brazilian jurisdictions, strengthening his national legal presence.

Supreme Federal Court (STF) – Appearances as Counsel and lower courts

- * (STF) ARE 1.227.919 Autuação 26-Aug-2019 counsel of record.
- * (STF) ARE 1.148.111 Autuação 31-Jul-2018 counsel of record.
- * A(STF) RE 714.056 Autuação 21-Sep-2012 counsel of record.
- * AI 726.291 Autuação 08-Sep-2008 counsel of record Superior Court of Justice (STJ) Representative Matters and lower courts

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- * REsp 2.206.598 José Maria da Silveira v. Transportes Carinhoso Ltda. 3ª Turma Rel. Min. Daniela Teixeira.
- * REsp 2.201.735 Elton Kley Berredo Santos v. Santander Leasing S.A. 4ª Turma Rel. Min. Marco Buzzi.
- * AREsp 2.931.062 Alberi Amaral Botega v. Fazenda Nacional 1ª Turma Rel. Min. Benedito Gonçalves.
- * REsp 2.078.699 Santander Leasing S.A. v. Elton Kley Berredo Santos 4ª Turma Rel. Min. Marco Buzzi.
- * REsp 2.042.153 Antonio Bertino Nogueira Filho v. SERVPRAT 3ª Turma Rel. Min. Nancy Andrighi.
- * AREsp 1.670.708 Antonio Bertino Nogueira Filho v. SERVPRAT 4ª Turma Rel. Min. Luis Felipe Salomão.
- * * TRF1 2º Grau: Appeals such as União x Alberi Amaral Botega; Pousada dos Lençóis; Niagara Empreendimentos.

Legal Practice & Case Highlights

- With more than 22 years of experience, João Mateus has been engaged in over 680 legal proceedings before the Court of Justice of Maranhão (TJMA), the Federal Regional Court of the 1st Region (TRF1), and higher courts, including the Superior Court of Justice (STJ).
- He has represented a broad portfolio of clients, such as:
 - Gafisa S.A. (real estate & corporate)
 - Apem (industrial & infrastructure)
 - SMTM (logistics & management)
 - Servprat Praticagem (maritime pilotage & port operations)
 - STJ case: José Maria da Silveira (strategic property rights litigation)
 - Highway concessionaires (Rodovias)
 - Yes Ltda. (language education later acquired by CNA)
 - Cimento Bravo S.A. (construction & industrial supply)
- These representations underscore his versatility and capacity to navigate corporate disputes, complex litigation, maritime regulation, infrastructure projects, and high-value contractual negotiations.
- In March 2025, he was officially listed as counsel in a published case before the São Paulo judiciary, further highlighting his role in nationwide litigation alongside prestigious legal teams.

Summary & Strengths

João Mateus Borges da Silveira represents the profile of a modern global lawyer:

- Litigator in national courts (TJMA, TRF1, STJ)
- Strategic advisor for corporate, maritime, and industrial clients
- Academic contributor with international training and research output
- Law firm leader with a presence in multiple Brazilian jurisdictions and a path to Canadian bar recognition