

The background of the cover is a complex, layered architectural drawing. It features a dense network of thin, light-grey lines that form a wireframe structure. Overlaid on this are various architectural elements: a large, curved, ribbed structure resembling a dome or a modern building facade; a smaller, more solid-looking structure with a flat roof and some internal details; and a large, circular, grid-like structure that looks like a geodesic dome. The overall color palette is muted, with greys, blues, and a hint of purple on the left edge. The text is superimposed on this background.

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1031 The headquarters of the Brazilian Bar Association and the Barristers' Welfare Fund stand on a site with access from two major streets, next to one of the city's largest parks. The positioning of the different buildings on the site is calculated to allow easy access for residents and to provide a gradation between public and private areas, with sheltered outdoor spaces of indefinable function and unobstructed views of the park. The complex consists of two main blocks placed at either end of the site and joined together by the volume of the shopping centre, which provides access to the auditorium. This means that the public parts of the building can be used outside office hours. The two organizations have their headquarters in the two-storey buildings at each end, thus expressing their autonomy. Between them lies a plaza, Citizenship Square, which is a multipurpose public space and the unifying feature of the complex. A number of different architectural elements provide shade, to alleviate the heat. At the sides, ramps wrap round the outside of the main buildings, creating planted patios; the ramps' glass bricks allow light through while blocking the strong rays of the sun.

- 1 Main view of the headquarters of the Brazilian Bar Association
- 2 The two main blocks
- 3 Rear of the Brazilian Bar Association headquarters
- 4 View of the Brazilian Bar Association from the Barristers' Welfare Fund building
- 5 Free-form curved walls with brick and glass detailing characterize the interior
- 6 Internal circulation flanked by white circular columns
- 7 Site plan
- 8 Sketch

Client
The Brazilian Bar Association

Area
4,000m²/43,040 sq ft
Cost
US\$1,500,000

