



## **Brazil - U.S. Business Council**

### **Eduardo Leite**

Chair Emeritus of the Executive Committee and Senior Partner  
Baker & McKenzie LLP



Eduardo Leite is the outgoing Chairman of Baker McKenzie the position he has held for the last six years. A partner since 1986 and an accomplished energy, infrastructure projects, and M&A lawyer, Eduardo served on Baker McKenzie's Executive Committee from 1999 to 2003 as Chairman of the Firm's Latin American Regional Council, and he chaired the Firm's Policy Committee in 2005. Prior to being elected Chairman in 2010, Eduardo was the managing partner of the Firm's four offices in Brazil, a position he held for seven years.

Beginning January 1, 2017, Eduardo is Baker McKenzie's Chairman Emeritus and Senior Partner and focus on the Firm's priority of driving growth in New York and Latin America. He will be based in New York.

During Eduardo's tenure as Chairman, Baker McKenzie opened 11 new offices in eight countries, grew its revenues by 25% and profits by 16%, and increased its increased global headcount by 31%, including an industry-record 40% average annual female partner promotions. The Firm was recently confirmed as the leading global legal brand for the seventh year in a row extending its lead on its nearest competitor.

As Chairman Eduardo was a member of International Business Leaders Advisory Council for the Mayor of Beijing, a member of the World Economic Forum and Co-Chair of the Professional Services Industry Group and the chair of the US section of the US-Brazil CEO forum. Before becoming Chairman Eduardo spent several years working in Baker McKenzie's Chicago and Miami offices after joining the Firm in 1979. He also led the Firm's Global Energy, Mining & Infrastructure Industry Group.

Eduardo is married and the father of two daughters. He has degrees from New York University, University of Sao Paulo and the University of Uruguay. He speaks English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.