José Carlos Barbosa Moreira died on August 26th in Rio de Janeiro.

Considered the greatest exponent of Brazilian Procedural Law, one of the most important Brazilian jurists in history and our international reference in Procedure Law, José Carlos Barbosa Moreira was born in Rio de Janeiro, on September 17th, 1931. Son of the teachers Antonio de Sousa Moreira and Zenaide Barbosa Moreira, he was a student at Francisco Cabrita School and at the Military College.

From 1950 to 1954, Barbosa Moreira studied at the National Law Faculty of the former University of Brazil, now Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). In the same institution, in the period between 1959 and 1961, he did a doctorate in Criminal Law, and obtained his first degree for professorship, defended in 1967. One year later, at the then State University of Guanabara (now UERJ, University of Rio de Janeiro), he obtained his second degree for professorship, defending the thesis entitled "The Admissibility’ Judgment in the Civil Remedies System".

He married Gilka in 1959, with whom he had four children: Luís Eduardo, Carlos Roberto, José Henrique and Mário Celso.

Achieving first place in the classification, José Carlos Barbosa Moreira was approved in the public contest for the position of State Attorney of the State of Rio de Janeiro, which he exercised between 1963 and 1978. During this last year, he was appointed Judge of the State Court of Justice of Rio de Janeiro, where he remained in activity until 1992. His opinions and votes stand out for his elegant, clear and objective writing, as well as his logical and profound reasoning.

Barbosa Moreira was a distinguished teacher at all levels and giving lectures in primary, secondary, graduate and postgraduate courses. He taught, among others, in primary and secondary education, the subjects of Portuguese and Mathematics. In the higher education, he initially taught the discipline Criminal Procedural Law at the National Law Faculty. In 1976, he developed studies with Professor Mauro Cappelletti at the University of Florence. In 1979, he became a Full Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), for the subject General Theory of Procedural Law and Civil Procedural Law until 1996, when he retired.

He was also a visiting professor at the Universities of Bologna (in 1993) and Lisbon (in 1996).

Author of numerous legal works, among books and articles published in periodicals. His published works are true classics of Brazilian Procedural Law literature, such as: "The New Brazilian Civil Procedure", "Comments on the Code of Civil Procedure" and "Themes of Civil Procedural Law" (in nine volumes). In addition to his works, the author is often cited by doctrine and by numerous decisions.

José Carlos Barbosa Moreira was Secretary General, Treasurer and President of the Iberian American Institute of Procedural Law, Honorary Vice-President of the International Association of Procedural Law and became an honorary member of the Associazione Italiana fra gli Studiosi del Processo Civile, in 1993.
In addition, he was a member of several international legal entities, such as: Wissenschaftliche Vereinigung für Internationales Verfahrensrecht (Scientific Association of International Procedural Law), since 1980; the Portuguese Brazilian Comparative Institute, since 1982; the International Association of Procedural Law, since 1984; Association Internationale de Méthodologie Juridique, since 1986. And, in 1992, he became a member of the Brazilian Academy of Legal Letters.

Moreover, Barbosa Moreira participated actively in the elaboration of procedural statutes, in many congresses in Brazil and abroad, as well as in the Procedural Law Journeys promoted every two years by the Brazilian Institute of Procedural Law, of which the great master was member of the Presidium, and, finally, an honorary member.

Not only for the notorious legal knowledge, José Carlos Barbosa Moreira is famous for his dedication throughout his professional career. He is considered one of the best (if not the best) State Lawyers, Justices and Professors of Procedural Law that the State of Rio de Janeiro had and is remembered with affection and tenure by his generations of students, to whom he devoted himself so much. Proof of this is the plate in the room of the professors of the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro that was granted to him, on the occasion of his retirement, by students of the classes of 1972/1974/1976/1980/1983/1986/1989/1992 and 1996. The words still resonate at the moment of his eternal retirement: "Our gratitude to Professor José Carlos, on his retirement, for his devotion to the profession, for the lessons he taught, for the affection and respect always revealed, by the ways he pointed out, by simplicity and greatness, an example for the new generations."

Another great loss for the entire Brazilian legal community in this year of 2017, especially for us, his eternal students.

We express our solidarity towards his family, students and friends, all over the world.

Rest in peace, Professor José Carlos Barbosa Moreira, and many thanks for your precious legal teachings, ethics and life. The three of us were extremely proud to be your students.

You will always be alive in our memories, hearts, lessons and minds!

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