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Lina Soares is the Director of Litigation Support in the firm's St. Petersburg office. She was born in Brazil and has lived in Florida for the past 13 years.

Lina received her Juris Doctorate from Pontifical Catholic University in Brazil. She also obtained a Lato Sensu Postgraduate degree in Civil Law from Centro de Atualizacao em Direito in Brazil. Additionally, Lina received a Master of Laws degree in Comparative Law from the University of Florida.

Lina is a member of the Brazilian Bar. She litigated for 15 years in Federal and State Courts handling mainly public employee litigation involving breaches of labor contracts and violations of federal labor laws by the Federal Government. She also specialized in divorce, alimony, child custody, and probate.

Lina joined Vernis & Bowling as a paralegal, eventually being promoted to Director of Litigation Support. Lina is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the St. Petersburg office and ensures that the staff maintains the exceptional quality our clients expect from Vernis & Bowling.

Outside the office, Lina enjoys family time with her husband and 2 kids, and traveling.