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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2010 - Present Associated Professor at Federal Fluminense University, Brazil
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BIOGRAPHY

CLEBER FRANCISCO ALVES is a Public Defender (since 1994) with the Rio de Janeiro's State Public Defenders and works representing poor litigants specifically in civil cases (he does not act in criminal cases) before the Court of Appeal of the State of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil. He is also currently a Professor at Universidade Federal Fluminense, and a researcher at its PhD and Master's Program in "Sociology and Law". He served as Dean of the Law Faculty at the Universidade Católica de Petrópolis (1999-2002), where he has also been coordinator of the Master's Program in "Human Rights, Procedural Law and Access to Justice" (2011-2013). He received his PhD in Law (2005) from Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro: the doctoral thesis is a comparative study about "Legal Aid in the United States, in France and in Brazil". He was a Visiting Fellow at the University of Baltimore, USA (2003), at the Université de Montpellier, France (2004), and at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London (2014). He has been a member of the International Legal Aid Group since 2005.

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