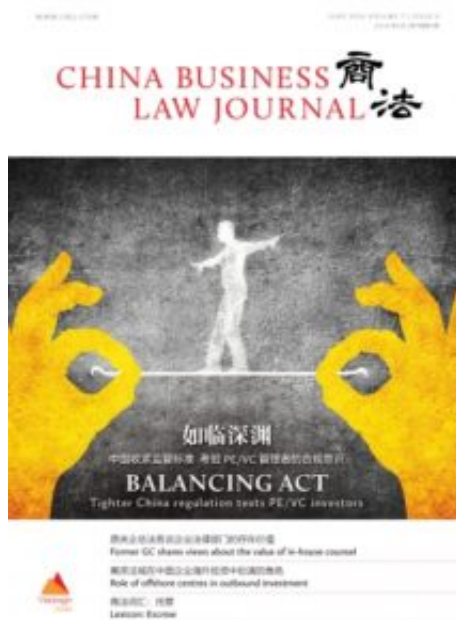




CHINA BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL – INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM FREIRE



William Freire granted an interview to the China Business Law Journal in the March 2014 edition.

A monthly publication, the China Business Law Journal is based in Hong Kong with an editorial board composed of professionals with experience in Australia, the United Kingdom, Asia and the Middle East.

Following is a summary of the interview:

In Brazil, *“in general, the business environment in the mineral industry is unfavourable and there are no prospects for improvement in the short run,”* says William Freire, the founder of William Freire Advogados. In his opinion, Brazil is enduring a period of regulatory instability, and there is an intense debate about the proposed new Mining Code across the country.

“The Bill presented by the government contains several violations of rights, and this aggravates the overall scenario of legal and institutional insecurity. The congress has been trying to correct this government abuse,” Freire says.