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Day in the Life: Felipe Ziegler Zugno

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5:40 am

The alarm goes off. I wake up immediately and pretend I am a morning person. Get dressed — no tie required — and run to the kitchen to grab a slice of toast and chocolate milk. Give my wife and daughter a kiss before I leave for work.

7:00 am

Arrive at work after a 40-minute drive to the city of São Leopoldo, where Stihl is based, and prepare “chimarrão” (a regional drink to share, made with herbs and hot water) for the legal team. **I turn my computer on, confirm the meetings that I have for the day,** read the news, and check my emails.

8:00 am

Start working on an **important construction contract** that involves both drafting and negotiating with the supplier’s lawyers. Send an email to the purchasing manager indicating the risks involved with this contract.

9:30 am

Conference call with our headquarters in Germany about a group legal training scheduled for the board of directors in Brazil. Check the training materials based on Brazilian legislation, send them to board members, and give the board’s secretary a call to make sure all the agendas have been

blocked for the next week of training.

11:00 am

Run to the human resources training room, called “**chainsaws**” — which is aptly named after one of our company’s primary products. I provide the new employees with an introduction on compliance issues, including Stihl’s code of conduct.

12:00 pm

Walk to the company’s canteen for **lunch with my colleagues** from the legal and finance department. Enjoy some salad, chicken breast, rice, and Brazilian black beans. After I’m finished, I check the news.

1:00 pm

Grab a cup of coffee, brush my teeth, and walk to the **department’s weekly meeting** to discuss current legal topics as well as to decide the next steps for each topic. Once I am back at my desk, I quickly check the metrics of the legal department for the ongoing month, mainly with regard to the spending for the year, which is on track. Litigation is also under control.

2:00 pm

Monthly meeting with outside counsel to hear the status of consumer cases. I take advantage of the meeting to give them a feedback on the services rendered.

3:00 pm

Stop and **watch an ACC webcast** on privacy and data security in a global environment.

4:00 pm

Meeting with the company’s outsourcing committee where I hear about a new IT solution for third parties’ monitoring and compliance, which I end up agreeing with after I learn more about it.

5:00 pm

Answer last-minute emails, check the meetings for the next day, and **support my colleagues by demanding a response from other colleagues** or third parties on relevant topics and projects.

6:00 pm

Drive back home. I listen to updates on the Brazilian economy and politics on the radio.

7:00 pm

Arrive at home, play with my daughter, and run to a tennis court to play with a friend. I ask my wife to order Japanese food for dinner.

8:00 pm

Get back from the match and take a shower before dinner arrives. I enjoy some delicious **sushi with my wife and extended family** who came over for dinner.

9:00 pm

Teach **English to my daughter** and watch cartoons before she goes to bed.

10:30 pm

Fall **asleep**.

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