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Augusto de Arruda Botelho, 45 years old, is a Brazilian lawyer specialized in Economic Criminal Law at the University of Coimbra, Criminal Law at the University of Salamanca, and is currently attending a Master's degree in Economic Criminal Law at Fundação Getulio Vargas.

He started his career at the law firm of Márcio Thomaz Bastos, former Minister of Justice during President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's first term.

Arruda Botelho was an advisory board member at Human Rights Watch, as well as at the Innocence Project, a Brazilian organization which tackles wrongful judicial convictions in the country.

He was one of the founders of the non-governmental organization Instituto de Defesa do Direito de Defesa (IDDD), where he served as president for three years and was part of the advisory board for 16 years. He is currently an honorary board member of IDDD. He is also involved in the Rede Liberdade Project, created in 2019 to defend individuals and social organizations facing violations of fundamental rights.

He ran for the Brazilian Congress representing the State of São Paulo under the PSB party, receiving 43,000 votes.

Augusto de Arruda Botelho has been acting as the Nacional Secretary of Justice since the beginning of 2023.