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EDUCATION:

George Washington University - National Law Center, Washington, D.C.

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (S.J.D.), May 2002.

Concentration: International Law

Dissertation: "Admissibility in the Individual Complaint Procedure of the Inter-American System on Human Rights." Advisor: Prof. Thomas Buergenthal.

American University - Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.

MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.), May 1994.

Concentration: International Law

Universidad de los Andes - School of Law, Bogotá, Colombia.

DEGREE IN LAW (J.D.), April 1989.

Dissertation: "State Intervention in the Economy between 1850 and 1886 in Colombia."

Concentration: Political Science.

EXPERIENCE:

Washington College of Law-American University, Washington, D.C.

Professorial Lecturer in Residence

May 2004 to date.

Co-Director, Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

August 2000 to date.

Visiting Associate Professor

August 2000 to July 2003.

- Teaching, among others, International Law (3 credits), Advanced Human Rights (3 credits), International Protection of Human Rights (2 credits), *Temas Especiales en Derecho Internacional* (3 credits), Inter-American Human Rights Law (2 credits) and International Organizations (3 credits) for J.D., LL.M and S.J.D. students.
- Coordinate all academic and administrative aspects of the Academy, including promotion and selection of courses and faculty, currently for more than 170 students each year, and implement other related projects.

Washington College of Law-American University, Washington, D.C.

Co-Director, Human Rights Legal Education Partnerships, September 1999 to date.

Co-Director, Inter-American Human Rights Digest Project, March 1996 to date.

- Conduct juridical research activities for the elaboration of the Inter-American Human Rights Digest. Activities include comprehensive collection of information, design of methodology of Digest, analysis and classification of the jurisprudence of the Inter-American System on Human Rights, as well as coordination of all administrative matters.
- Develop an Inter-American Human Rights Academic Network with several academic institutions of all Central American countries, Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Mexico, produce a training manual and conduct several training workshops for human rights professors, judges and other lawyers.
- Develop academic human rights cooperation with several law schools of Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Mexico including development of curriculum, production of a diagnostic report on human rights education and training of human rights professors and other lawyers on human rights standards.
- Project Development: Develop fund-raising activities for Center's and Academy's projects, including project design, writing grant proposals and travel to contact financial sources. Funds obtained since 1998 for the Center and the Academy: more than 1,500,000 US dollars.

Washington College of Law-American University, Washington, D.C.

Professorial Lecturer (Adjunct Faculty), International Law

January 1999 to July 2000.

- Teach International Law course (3 credits) and International Protection of Human Rights (2 credits) for J.D./LL.M. students.

Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), Washington, D.C.

Legal Consultant.

Oct. 1997 to March 1998.

- Develop a training manual on human rights for judicial training in the Americas and collaborate in coordinating activities regarding selection of trainers and trainees for sessions involving 50 judges from all Latin American countries. Deliver training lectures for participants.

International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights), Washington, D.C.

Officer for Latin America.

July 1995 to March 1996.

- In charge of all legal and administrative issues related with Latin America in Washington D.C. Filed and monitored petitions and individual cases before the Inter-American Commission and Court on Human Rights, represented the Law Group in activities of the human rights community in Washington DC, attended and coordinated interviews with the press, attended seminars as speaker, conducted legal research on substantive issues of the inter-American system, directed and developed a comprehensive monitoring project on the Organization of American States' performance on human rights, and coordinated fund raising efforts for the Latin American Area of the organization.

Organization of American States (OAS), Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington, D.C.

Consultant Attorney.

Aug. 1994 to July 1995.

- Develop all country desk officer tasks in three countries. Manage and analyze cases presented before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and draft documents on such cases. Advise individuals and governments on the rules governing procedures under the American Convention on Human Rights.
- Monitor the general situation of human rights in specific countries and prepare draft reports on those situations. Develop activities of promotion of human rights, including briefing lawyers, judges and government officials.
- Produce draft reports on all matters under my responsibility to be adopted by the Commission.

International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights), Washington, D.C.

Legal Associate for Latin America.

Feb. 1994 to Aug. 1994.

- In charge of all legal issues related with Latin America in Washington D.C. Monitored petitions and cases filed before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, represented the Law Group in activities of the human rights community in Washington DC, developed legal research on substantive issues of the Inter-American system, prepared reports on the performance of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and developed a comprehensive research project on the OAS system of protection of human rights. Also collaborated in project seeking the ratification of the American Convention by the United States.

Washington College of Law-American University, Washington, D.C.

Research Assistant for Prof. Robert K. Goldman.

Oct. 1992 to Dec. 1993.

- Worked in a brief to be presented to the Inter-American Court on Human Rights, and in the elaboration of a Country Report on Peru to be presented to the Department of State of the U.S. and the Peruvian authorities. Duties include translation of legal reports and performing legal research.

Aesculapius International Medicine, Washington, D.C.

Legal Researcher.

Oct. 1992 - May 1993.

- Researched international legal standards concerning health in Guatemala. Wrote international and domestic legal background report of health rights in Guatemala.

Office of the President, Republic of Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia.

Legal Advisor, "Mission for Moralization and Efficiency of Public Administration," and the "Presidential Program for Youth, Women and Family."

Feb. 1991 - June 1992.

- Developed legal analysis of suggested presidential actions against official corruption, including the elaboration of projects of legislation and policy strategies, and their compliance with international legal standards, among others. Conducted and coordinated research project developed jointly with the *Universidad de Los Andes* seeking to propose concrete legal actions against corruption and administrative inefficiency.
- Made legal analysis of contracts and legislation related with youth, women and family, and formulated administrative strategies for the implementation of international cooperation from the European Economic Community.

Office of the President, Republic of Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia.

Head of the Administrative Division of the "National Rehabilitation Plan -NRP" (Plan Nacional de Rehabilitación -PNR-)

Aug. 1990 - Feb. 1991.

- Directed and administered activities of the Plan throughout Colombia. Responsibilities included the budget preparation and the monitoring of expenditures, as well as the administration of international cooperation of the United Nations Development Program -UNDP-.

Legal Advisor, "National Rehabilitation Plan -NRP-."

Aug. 1989 - Aug. 1990.

- Designed and coordinated the legal aspects for the "readaptation to civil life" plan of the members of the M-19 ex-guerrilla movement.
- Drafted the model contracts for official investment in rural Colombia.
- Negotiated legal and budgetary aspects of official NRP projects, and coordinated all aspects related with fiduciary administration of NRP governmental funds with local financial entities.
- Coordinated an international cooperation program known as "Programa Campesino Chocoano-P.Ch." (Colombia and the Netherlands) for the Chocó region.

LANGUAGES:

Spanish: Native; **English:** Fluent.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Book: *THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS DIGEST* (co-author)(under contract), Brill Publishers (Kluwer International Publishers), The Hague, The Netherlands, expected Summer 2009.
- Book: *REPERTORIO DE JURISPRUDENCIA DEL SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS* (co-author) (under contract), Inter-American Institute on Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica, expected Summer 2009.
- *THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM: SELECTED EXAMPLES OF ITS SUPERVISORY WORK* (co-author), in Research Handbook on International Human Rights Law (Edward Elgar publishers), UK, expected Spring 2009.
- BASIC FACTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM*, in International Human Rights Monitoring Mechanisms (2nd ed, G. Alfredsson, J. Grimheden, B. Ramcharan & A. de Zayas, eds.), Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Raoul Wallenberg Institute on Human Rights and Humanitarian law, Lund, Sweden, Spring 2009.
- LA COMISION INTERAMERICANA DE DERECHOS HUMANOS* in: *JOAQUIN IBANEZ, ED. DERECHOS HUMANOS, RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES Y GLOBALIZACION*. Grupo Editorial Ibanez, 2nd ed., Madrid, Spain, forthcoming Spring 2009.

- *LA MASACRE DE MAPIRIPAN CONTRA COLOMBIA, SENTENCIA DE FONDO DEL 15 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2005*, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico, Fall 2008.
- *LAS OBLIGACIONES INTERNACIONALES DE LOS ESTADOS DE LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE LOS ESTADOS AMERICANOS EN LA LUCHA CONTRA EL TERRORISMO*, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico, Fall 2008.
- Book: *ADVOCATING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: 10 YEARS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION* (co-author), Raoul Wallenberg Institute on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Brill Publishers (Kluwer International), Summer 2008.
- *RESEÑA SOBRE EL INFORME DE LA OEA "ACCESO A LA JUSTICIA: LLAVE PARA LA GOBERNABILIDAD DEMOCRÁTICA, POR DAVID LOBATÓN*. Programa de Estudios de la Ciudad de la Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Ecuador, Spring 2008.
- *REPARATIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM IN CASES OF GROSS AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS: THE COLOMBIAN CASES*. 56 Am. U. L. Rev. 1390, 2007.
- *SIMPOSIO UNA REVISIÓN CRÍTICA DEL SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS: PASADO, PRESENTE Y FUTURO* (co-author), *ANUARIO DE DERECHO HUMANOS*, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile, Spring 2007.
- Book: *THE PROHIBITION OF TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT IN THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM*. (co-author), OMCT, Geneva, Switzerland, Fall 2006.
- Book: *LA PROHIBICIÓN DE LA TORTURA Y LOS MALOS TRATOS EN EL SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO*. (co-author), OMCT, Geneva, Switzerland, Fall 2006.
- Book: *A PROIBICAO DE TORTURA E MAUS-TRATOS PELO SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO*, (co-author), OMCT, Geneva, Switzerland, Fall 2006.
- *DIAGNÓSTICO SOBRE LA EDUCACIÓN LEGAL EN DERECHOS HUMANOS EN MÉXICO* (co-author), in *Educación en Derechos Humanos (Cooperation Program in Human Rights between Mexico and the European Commission)*, Mexico City, Mexico, Summer 2006.
- *NETHERLANDS QUARTERLY OF HUMAN RIGHTS, Reporting on news of the Inter-American Human Rights System*, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 2001 to date.
- *BUTTERWORTHS HUMAN RIGHTS CASES, Correspondent for the Americas, multi-volume series*, London, U.K., 1996 to date.
- Book: *DERECHO INTERNACIONAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS*, (co-editor), Editorial Fontamara, Mexico City, Mexico, December 2004.
- *AMICUS BRIEF PRESENTED TO THE SUPREME COURT OF ARGENTINA* (co-author), Buenos Aires, Argentina, February 2004.
- *AMICUS BRIEF PRESENTED TO THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION FROM THE STATE OF MEXICO* (co-author), Washington, DC, Mexico DF, and San José Costa Rica, Spring 2003.
- *THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF THE RIGHTS OF ELDERLY PERSONS* (co-author), 18 Am. U. Int'l L. Rev. 915, Spring 2003.
- Book: *THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, A GUIDE FOR ITS APPLICATION IN DOMESTIC LAW* (co-

author), Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), Washington, D.C., 2001.

● *THE 'VICTIM' REQUIREMENT, THE FOURTH INSTANCE FORMULA AND THE NOTION OF 'PERSON' IN THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM*, 7 ILSA Journal of Int'l and Comparative Law 373, NOVA/Southeastern University, 2001.

● *JURISDICCIÓN Y COMPETENCIA EN LAS PETICIONES INDIVIDUALES DEL SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS. (Jurisdiction and Competence in the Individual Petitions in the Inter-American System on Human Rights)*, Revista Argentina de Derechos Humanos (*Argentinian Human Rights Law Review*), Buenos Aires, Argentina, February 2001.

● *EL DERECHO A LA HONRA Y LA REPUTACIÓN (The Right to the Protection of Personal Honor and Reputation)*,1 Revista Ruptura 249, Facultad de Jurisprudencia, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Fall 2000.

● *Book: LA DIMENSIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS, GUÍA PARA LA APLICACIÓN DE NORMAS INTERNACIONALES EN EL DERECHO INTERNO (The International Dimension of Human Rights, a Guide for its Application in Domestic Law - co-author-)* Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), Washington, D.C., Spring 1999.

● *Book: REPERTORIO DE JURISPRUDENCIA DEL SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS, LA CORTE INTERAMERICANA DE DERECHOS HUMANOS 1980-1997, VOL. I AND VOL. II, (The Inter-American Human Rights Digest - The Inter-American Court on Human Rights 1980-1997 -co-author-)*, Washington D.C., October 1998.

● *INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS DATABASE*, <http://www.wcl.american.edu/pub/humright/digest/index.html> (co-author) Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C., October 1998.

● *PRESUMPTION OF VERACITY, NONAPPEARANCE, AND DEFAULT IN THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM ON HUMAN RIGHTS*, in: *Revista del Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos (IIDH)*, January -June 1998.

● *DERECHOS HUMANOS Y LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE LOS ESTADOS AMERICANOS (Human Rights and the Organization of American States -co-author-)*, International Human Rights Law Group, Washington D.C., November 1996.

● *CABALLERO DELGADO Y SANTANA: A PROBLEMATIC APPLICATION OF THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (co-author) in: the Human Rights Brief of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the Washington College of Law, Volume 3, Number 3, Summer 1996.*

● *DERECHOS HUMANOS Y LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE LOS ESTADOS AMERICANOS 1995-1996 (Human Rights and the Organization of American States 1995-1996 -co-author-)*, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, 1996.

● *THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS: ITS ROLE IN THE SEARCH OF COMMON GROUNDS IN THE AMERICAS in: Vers une Amérique sans frontiere/Towards a Borderless America*, L Perret (ed.), Collection Bleue, Montreal, Wilson & Lafleur, 1996.

● *HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN 1994-1995 (co-author)*, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, December 1995.

● *REPORT EXPOSES PROBLEMS WITHIN PERU'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM (co-author) in: the Human Rights Brief of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the Washington College of Law, Volume 1, Number 2, Summer 1994.*

● *COMMISSION EVALUATES ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN PERÚ (co-author) in: the Human Rights Brief of the*

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the Washington College of Law, Volume 1, Number 1, Spring 1994.

LECTURES AND TRAININGS:

- **Lecture, "El Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos: La Corte y la Comisión Interamericanas de Derechos Humanos"**. Programa de Fortalecimiento de las Capacidades de los Operadores de Justicia Centroamericanos para la Protección de los Derechos Humanos, Fundación Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Inter-American Court on Human Rights, and Inter-American Institute on Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica. April 2009.
- **Panel Presentation, "Commemoración Sexagesimo Aniversario de la Declaración Universal de los Derechos Humanos"** Fiscalía General de la Nación, Bogotá, Colombia, December 2008.
- **Panel Presentation, "Los individuos en el derecho internacional y su impacto en el ámbito jurídico nacional."** In conference titled 'La Influencia del DIDDHH y el DIH en la cultura jurídica interna y sus efectos en la enseñanza del derecho,' Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogota, Colombia, November 2008.
- **Teach course "Procedure and Case-law of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights."** V Course on Strategies of International Litigation, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico, December 2007.
- **Teach the course "The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights,"** Third Annual Course on Human Rights Training, Institut de Développement et Droits Humains, Florianopolis, Brazil, October 2008.
- **Chair of the panel presentation "Institutional Challenges Facing Regional Systems for the Protection of Human Rights,"** Conference "Advocacy Before Regional Human Rights Bodies: A Cross-Regional Agenda, WCL, Washington DC, October 2008.
- **Lecture, "El Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos: La Corte y la Comisión Interamericanas y los sistemas internos de protección"**. I Seminar in Latin American Consortium for Post-Graduation in Human Rights, Belem du Para, Brazil, August 2008.
- **Lecture, "The Inter-American System on Human Rights"**. Human Rights Development Initiative, Pretoria, South Africa, July 2008.
- **Invited teacher, The Inter-American Human Rights System.** 39th Annual Study Session, International Institute on Human Rights, Strasbourg, France, July 2008.
- **Panel presentation, Current Status of the Inter-American Human Rights System: A Reflection on the "Reform Process"**. Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, WCL, Washington DC, May 2008.
- **Lecture "The Prohibition of Torture in the Inter-American System."** World Organization Against Torture (OMCT), Geneva, Switzerland, May 2008.
- **Panel presentation, The Rights of Aliens in the Inter-American Human Rights System.** Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain, March 2008.
- **Key Note Speaker of the Annual Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference** presenting "Human Rights in the Americas: An International Legal Perspective." Center of Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, February 2008.
- **Teach course "Procedure and Case-law of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights."** IV Course on Strategies of International Litigation, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico, December 2007.
- **Teach course "The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights."** Second Annual Course on Human Rights Training, Institut de Développement et Droits Humains, Florianopolis, Brazil, November 2007.
- **Lecture "International State Responsibility in Human Rights."** First Inter-American Human Rights Congress, Bogota, Colombia, October 2007.
- **Teach course "The Inter-American Human Rights System."** Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Guayaquil, Guayaquil, Ecuador, September 2007.
- **Lecture about the Inter-American Human Rights System.** Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru and the Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL), Lima, Peru, September 2007.

- **Lecture in panel presentation “The United States Judicial Reform.”** *Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL)*, Lima, Peru, September 2007.
- **Taught the course “Inter-American Human Rights System.”** Human Rights Center of the University of Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands, August 2007.
- **Lecture “Inter-American Human Rights Law.”** IESB, Brasilia, Brazil, August 2007.
- **Lecture “The Prohibition of Torture in the Inter-American System.”** World Organization Against Torture (OMCT), Geneva, Switzerland, July 2007.
- **Chair of the panel "Current Challenges in the National Implementation of Inter-American Human Rights System's Standards and Decisions."** WCL, Washington DC, 2007.
- **Lecture in the panel presentation “Reparations: A Comparative Perspective” in the conference “Reparations in the Inter-American System: A Comparative Approach.”** WCL, Washington, DC, March 2007.
- **Lecture “The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.”** III Course on Strategies of International Litigation. Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico, December 2006.
- **Lecture “Procedural and Institutional Overview of the Inter-American Human Rights System” in the “Seminar on the Inter-American Human Rights System and Public Defense.”** Center on Human Rights of the *Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)* and Public Defenders Organizations from Brazil and Mercosur, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2006.
- **Lecture “The Inter-American Court and Commission on Human Rights.”** Video-Conference organized by WCL for human rights activists in Caracas, Venezuela, October 2006.
- **Lectures “Impunity: Justice, Truth and Reparations” and “Main Human Rights Concerns in Latin America.”** Raoul Wallenberg Institute on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the University of Lund, Lund, Sweden, September 2006.
- **Lecture “Measures adopted by the Organization of American States on Terrorism and Human Rights.”** Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, September 2006.
- **Lecture “The International Protection of Human Rights and the International Criminal Responsibility.”** Universidad de Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia, June 2006. ● **Lecture “The Fight against Terrorism and International Human Rights Obligations.”** Anti-Terrorism Conference hosted by American University's Justice, Law and Society, Washington, DC, April 2006.
- **Lecture “International Human Rights Law.”** Presentation to police and military officers from several Latin American countries. Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), Washington, DC, March 2006.
- **Conference on Contemporary Issues of the Inter-American Human Rights System.** *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*, Bogota, Colombia, February 2006.
- **Teach “The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.”** *Diplomado en Derechos Internacional de los Derechos Humanos y Sistema Internos de Protección y Reparación.* Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia and the *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*, Bogota Colombia, February 2006.
- **Teach “Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: Competence, Admissibility and Jurisprudence.”** II Seminar on International Mechanisms for the Protection of Human Rights: Innovation and Strategies in International Litigation Human Rights Program, Human Rights Masters of *Universidad Iberoamericana de Mexico*, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, Mexico City, Mexico, December 2005.
- **Legal Strategy and Policy to Implement Judgments into the Domestic Jurisdiction.** Panel presentation in II Seminar on International Mechanisms for the Protection of Human Rights: Innovation and Strategies in International Litigation Human Rights Program, Human Rights Masters of *Universidad Iberoamericana de Mexico*, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, Mexico City, Mexico, December 2005.

- **Analysis of the Massacre of Mapiripan v. Colombia Case.** Round table discussion on the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights, Law Department, the Human Rights Program and the Human Rights Masters of *Universidad Iberoamericana de Mexico*, Mexico City, Mexico, December 2005.
- **Legal Education on Human Rights: Importance and Alternative Curriculum.** Panel discussion in the “International Seminar on Education on Human Rights,” Program of Cooperation on Human Rights of the European Commission-Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico City, Mexico, December 2005.
- **Lecture on the “Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.”** *Universidad Católica Andres Bello (UCAB)* and the Universidad de Margarita (UniMar), Porlamar, Venezuela, November 2005.
- **Teach the course “Inter-American Human Rights System.”** International Human Rights Academy, Cape Town, South Africa, October 2005.
- **Participant to the “First Meeting of the Latin American and European Network on Human Rights (LAEHR)”** Cartagena, Colombia, September 2005.
- **Lectured on the Inter-American Human Rights System** in the *Universidad San Martin de Porres*, in Lima, Peru, September 2005.
- **Lecture “Justice as a Right.”** Center for Human Rights of the *Universidad Catolica Andres Bello (UCAB)* in Caracas, Venezuela, September 2005.
- **Chair of the panel presentation "The Inter-American Human Rights System: An Open Discussion on the Problems Affecting its Functioning."** WCL, Washington DC, June 2005.
- **Chair of the panel "Accountability of IFIs: The Current Status of Existing Compliance and Review Mechanisms of the World Bank, IFC and IADB."** WCL, Washington DC, June 2005.
- **Lecture “Colombia 2005: A Historical and Political Overview in a Human Rights Perspective.”** *Avocats sans frontières Quebec (ASFQ)*, Montreal, Canada, Spring 2005.
- **Presentation on the inter-American human rights system.** Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, December 2004.
- **Incorporating Human Rights Values in Educational Institutions in Countries of the Middle East.** Johns Hopkins University, November 2004.
- **Collaborative Teaching Methods and Joint Research Activities: Human Rights Legal Education Partnerships.** Panel discussion “International Consortium on Legal Education Annual Conference: Improving Legal Education for Tomorrow's Lawyers,” Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, DC, October 2004.
- **The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.** Universidad Iberoamericana, Torreon, Mexico, October 2004.
- **Procedural Aspects of Human Rights Protection in the Inter-American System.** Public Lecture Series of the School of Law of Lund University, Lund, Sweden, September 2004.
- **Inter-American Human Rights System and the Human Rights of Women.** International Training Course on the Human Rights of Women, Roaul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund, Sweden, September 2004.
- **Forms of Inter-Action between International Human Rights Law and the Constitutional Framework.** *Lecture delivered in the V Convención Latinoamericana de Derecho (V Latino-American Meeting of Law)*, Cochabamba, Bolivia, November 2003.
- **Current Issues in the Inter-American Human Rights System.** *XIII Seminario Eduardo García Máynez 2003 Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)*, México DF, México, October 2003.
- **Lecture on the Individual Petition System in the Inter American System.** *Curso de Estudos sobre Direitos Humanos Da fundação Interamericana de Defesa de Direitos Humanos, Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo*, Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 2003.

- **Teach the course Inter-American Human Rights System.** International Human Rights Academy, sponsored by the Netherlands Institute on Human Rights of the University of Utrecht, the Norwegian Institute on Human Rights of the University of Oslo, the University of Gent (Belgium), the University of the Western Cape (South Africa) and the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of American University, Washington College of Law. Gent, Belgium, July 2003.
- **International Human Rights Law.** Lecture delivered at the Human Rights Week for military officers from the U.S. and several Latin American countries. Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), Columbus, Ohio, July 2003.
- **The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: Current Issues and Practice.** *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Ecuador* and the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, Quito, Ecuador, February 2003.
- **Recent Practice of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.** Lecture on recent developments of the IACHR, *Universidad Iberoamericana* and Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, Mexico DF, Mexico, December 2002.
- **Invited expert to seminar on Impunity in Colombia.** Swedish NGO Foundation on Human Rights, Stockholm, Sweden, October 2002.
- **Respect of Human Rights as a Limitation to Reform the State.** Lecture in the International Seminar on Reform to the Structure of the State and Human Rights,” *Procuraduría General de la Nación*, Embassy of Sweden and UNDP, Bogota, Colombia, September 2002.
- **The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.** Lecture on recent developments of the IACHR, *Universidad Iberoamericana* and Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, Mexico DF, Mexico, September 2002.
- **The Inter-American Human Rights System.** Lecture in the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, American University of El Cairo, El Cairo, Egypt, August 2002.
- **International Human Rights Law.** Lecture to military officers from several Latin American countries. Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), Washington, DC, May 2002.
- **Human Rights and Impunity.** Conference on criminal responsibility and international human rights law. *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Ecuador*, Quito, April 2002.
- **Teach course on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.** *Diplomado en Derechos Humanos y Democracia*, *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Ecuador*, Quito, Ecuador, April 2002.
- **Human Rights Legal Education.** Second International Conference on Human Rights Education in the XXI Century, *Universidad Internacional SEK*, Quito, Ecuador, January 2002.
- **Training for Human Rights Law Professors from Ecuador and Mexico on International Human Rights Standards.** Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C., September 2001.
- **Training for Human Rights Law Professors from Colombia on International Human Rights Standards.** Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad Nacional and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, Bogotá, Colombia, March 2001.
- **Domestic Implementation of International Human Rights Law.** Seminar on “Military Operations in the Framework of Respect of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.” Comando General de las Fuerzas Militares de Colombia and Escuela Superior de Guerra de las Fuerzas Militares de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia, March 2001.
- **International Human Rights.** Charlotte E. Ray Inn lecture series, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., January 2001.
- **Training and Consultation with Colombian Human Rights Law Professors on International Human Rights Standards.** Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C., December 2000.
- **Admissibility in the Inter-American System on Human Rights.** International Law Weekend, American

Society of International Law (ASIL), New York, NY, October 2000.

- **The Colombian Human Rights Legal Education Partnership.** Association Liason Office for University Cooperation in Development (ALO), Washington, DC, July 2000.
- **Training of Public Defenders of Colombia on International Human Rights Law.** Colombian Human Rights Ombudsman (Defensoría del Pueblo) and MSD/USAID; Bogotá, Colombia-May 2000; Cartagena, Colombia-June 2000; Cali, Colombia-July 2000.
- **The Inter-American System on Human Rights.** Universidad del Cauca, Popayán, Cauca, Colombia, June 2000.
- **Training for Human Rights Law Professors from Colombia on International Human Rights Standards.** Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad Nacional and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, Bogotá, Colombia, April 2000.
- **Training for Human Rights Law Professors from Argentina on International Human Rights Standards.** *Universidad Nacional de Lanus, Centro de Derechos Humanos* and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 2000.
- **Alternative Jurisprudential Approaches.** Latin America Legal Scholarship Conference, Harvard Law School, European Law Research Center, Boston, MA, March 2000.
- **Workshop on the functioning of the Inter-American System on Human Rights and of Women in Particular: Functions and Jurisdiction of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights.** Institute of Criminal Law of the School of Law of the Catholic University of Cuyo, Argentina, San Juan, Argentina, November 1999.
- **Program for judges (Supreme Court included) and lawyers on “The Functioning of the Inter-American System on Human Rights: The Inter-American Commission: Functions and Competence.”** Lawyer Bar Association of San Juan (Argentina), San Juan, Argentina, November 1999.
- **Training for Human Rights Law Professors from Central American countries on International Human Rights Standards.** Inter-American Institute on Human Rights, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), National Commissioner of Human Rights of Mexico, UNESCO Human Rights Program-UNAM and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, Mexico D.F., Mexico, October 1999.
- **The Ombudsman as Guarantor of the Right to Honor, Reputation and Ones Own Image.** Fourth Annual Congress of the Ibero-American Association of Ombudsman (FIO) and the Human Rights Commissioner of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, September 1999.
- **Regional and International Mechanisms for the Promotion and Protection of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights-A Comparative Evaluation.** Social and Economic Rights Action Center (SERAC), Lagos, Nigeria, September 1999.
- **The Inter-American Human Rights Academic Network.** Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C., June 1999.
- **Training for Human Rights Law Professors from 10 Latin American countries on International Human Rights Standards.** Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C., May-June 1999.
- **Training for Latin American Judges on the Domestic Implementation of International Human Rights Standards.** Inter-American Development Bank and Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C., November 1997.
- **Practical Aspects of the Individual Complaint Procedure of the Inter-American System on Human Rights.** Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C., May 1997.
- **Working for Global Justice: Careers and Activism in International Development.** American University,

Washington, D.C., March 1996.

- **The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.** University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, November 1994.
- **Human Rights and Democratization: Strengthening Civil Institutions.** Organization of American States - OAS-, Washington D.C., April 1994.
- **Fiduciary Contracts in the Public Sector: The Office of the President Case.** Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia, November 1990.

AWARDS RECEIVED:

- **Egon Guttman Casebook Award** in 2003 for the book *The International Dimension of Human Rights*.
- **Scholarship** from the George Washington University for S.J.D. studies (Doctor in Juridical Sciences), 1994.
- **Outstanding Student Award**, Washington College of Law, 1994.
- **Seymor J. Rubin Scholarship** for the 1993-94 academic year in the Washington College of Law.
- **Award/Scholarship** of the Organization of American States (OAS) for Masters (LL.M.) degree studies 1992-94.
- **Fellowship** from the Washington College of Law for LL.M. studies, 1992-93.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- **Ad Hoc Judge** of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the Organization of American States, February 2007 to date.
- **Expert Legal Advisor** of the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT), U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs.
- **Principal Investigator** in projects funded for more than \$500,000 dollars in a four year program to develop and strengthen human rights legal networks with universities in Mexico, Venezuela, Bolivia and Nicaragua.
- **Member** of the American Society of International Law.
- **Member** of the Faculty Advisory Board for the American University International Law Journal.
- **Founder Member** and Member of the Alumni Board, of the *Human Rights Brief* of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., 1993 to date.
- **Member** of the Advisory Board of the Human Rights Program of the Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico.
- **Member** of the International Committee of the "Revista de Derecho de la Universidad Catolica del Norte" (Catholic University of the North Law Review), Chile.
- **Member** of the Editorial Board of the "Revista Iberoamericana de Derechos Humanos" (Ibero-American Human Rights Law Journal), Mexico.
- **Member** of the Editorial Board of the Inter-American and European Human Rights Journal, University of Ghent, Belgium.
- **Honor Judge in Final Round** of the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition Human Rights Award of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of WCL, May 2008.
- **Honor Panel Judge** of the Human Rights Award of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of WCL, 2003 to date.

- **Faculty Coach** of the Niagara Cup International Moot Court Competition which was the runner up team and received additional awards for Best Advocate, Best team Memorial, Best Petitioner team Argument and Best Respondent Team Argument (2006).
- **Member** of the external review team of experts for *Peace Scholars dissertation fellowship program* of the U.S. Institute of Peace (2006). Tasked to evaluate proposals to be considered for this prestigious annual award.
- **Consultant Attorney of the Organization of American States (OAS)**, Washington, D.C., October-November 2002. Perform specialized legal edition of report on terrorism and human rights for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.
- **Consultant Attorney the Presidential Program on Human Rights of Colombia**, Washington, D.C., June-July 2002. Study to suggest new measures to improve the interaction of the Colombian government with the international human rights mechanisms that monitor human rights.
- **Sixth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteen Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competitions**, Member of the Technical Committee of the Competition, Washington, D.C., May 2001 to date.
- **Fifth Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition**, Member of the Technical Committee and Judge in several of the rounds and the semifinal round of the Competition, Washington, D.C., May 2000.
- **Co-founder of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**, Washington College of Law-American University, Washington, D.C., June 1999.
- **Fourth Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition**, Member of the Technical Committee of the Competition, Washington, D.C., May 1999. Performance and oversight of substantive legal activities of the Competition.
- **International Academic Conference on the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and SIM-Utrecht University, Utrecht / Amsterdam, The Netherlands, December 1998.
- **Consultant Attorney of the Organization of American States (OAS)**, Washington, D.C., June-July 1998. Perform specialized legal translation of country report on the general human rights situation of a OAS Member State for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.
- **Third Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition**, Member of the Technical Committee of the Competition, Washington, D.C., May 1998. Performance and oversight of substantive legal activities of the Competition. Developed the bench memorandum for judges. Judge in the semifinal round.
- **Second Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition**, Member of the Technical Committee of the Competition, Washington, D.C., May 1997. Performance and oversight of substantive legal activities of the Competition. Developed the bench memorandum for judges. Judge in several of the rounds.
- **Meeting of Experts convened by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights**, Organization of American States (OAS), Washington, D.C., December 1996.
- **First Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition**, Member of the Technical Committee of the Competition, Washington, D.C., June 1996. Performance and oversight of substantive legal activities of the Competition. Developed the bench memorandum for judges. Judge in several of the rounds.
- **Advisor** for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in its litigation before the Inter-American Court in the *Blake Case*, Washington, D.C., August 1995 - February 1996.
- **Participated in First Specialized Training on Human Rights for the Andean Zone**. Inter-American Institute on Human Rights, Bogotá, Colombia. October, 1993.