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EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Family Law

Module A: Postgraduate Course on Civil Law: Nullity, Separation and Divorce
Module B: Postgraduate Course on Childhood, Protection of Individuals and Adoption
Facultat de Dret, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain
Thesis on: "Family placement. Social Needs. Legal Structure applicable to Paraguayan reality" (2006 – 2007)

International Master's Degree in Law, Economics and Sports Management

Université de Limoges, France
Currently writing thesis on: "Vulnerability of human rights in terms of international transactions of teenage footballers"
(2015 – Present)

International Diploma Specialization Course on Economic, Social and Cultural Law, Food Safety and Public Policies against famine

Henry Dunant International Institute (France) / Henry Dunant Foundation Latin America (Chile) / FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – Santiago, Chile (2012)

Specialization Course on Canonical Marriage Processes

Dual-degree program: Facultat de Dret, Universitat de Barcelona / Barcelona Ecclesiastic Tribunal. Degree granted enables this individual to bring litigations before Ecclesiastic Tribunals – Barcelona (2007)

Course on Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection for State Agents

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights / American University – Washington College of Law / Inter-American Human Rights Institute / Robert F. Kennedy – Center Of Justice & Human Rights / Government Prosecutor's Office of Buenos Aires city – Washington DC, United States of America (2013)

Course on Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Executive Branch's Human Rights Network / United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) / Inter-American Commission on Human Rights – Asunción, Paraguay (2013)

Course on: "Inter-American Relations: A forward-looking perspective"

Latin-American Studies Center, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University(GU) / Financing Development Latin America (CAF) / Georgetown University(GU) – Asunción, Paraguay (2010)

Diploma Course on: "Public Management and Communication"

Universidad de la Integración de las Américas (UNIDA) (University) – Asunción, Paraguay (2015)

Diploma Course on: "Public Planning, Management and Budget"

Universidad de la Integración de las Américas (UNIDA) (University) – Asunción, Paraguay (2015)

Law Degree

Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional de Asunción, Paraguay
(1999 – 2004)

WORK EXPERIENCE

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Legal Counselor of the Human Rights Commission

National Congress, Honorable Chamber of Deputies
(May 2014 – Present)

Main duties and responsibilities:

Consultancy, issuance of legal opinions, drawing up of draft bills, inter-institutional representation, and submission of reports, follow-up activities and legislative works related to international recommendations for Paraguay on Human Rights.

Analysis and drawing up, among others, of draft bills such as “draft bill on protection of children and teenagers against physical punishment and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment” or Law N° 5508/2015 “on fostering, and protecting motherhood and support to breastfeeding”.

Appointed by the Honorable Chamber of Deputies’ Chairman in October, 2014 as the person in charge of “Focal Point” set up by the Human Rights Commission for the execution of the following-up project related to the International Recommendations on Human Rights to Paraguay (SIMORE by its Spanish initials) pushed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Member of the Drafting team and Paraguayan delegation for the consultation on the Fourth Periodic Report of the Paraguayan Government to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) regarding the 54th Period of Sessions held in February, 2015 (Geneva, Switzerland).

Member of the Drafting Team and Paraguayan delegation to submit the National Report from the Paraguayan Government regarding the Second Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), held before the United Nations Human Rights Council during the 32nd Period of Sessions in January, 2016 (Geneva, Switzerland)

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Human Rights General Director

Ministry of Justice and Labor, Vice Ministry of Justice and Human Rights
(October, 2010 – March 2014)

Main duties and responsibilities:

Coordination, organization, drafting and execution of actions which may enable institutions to provide permanent promotion, protection and realization of human rights.

Executive Secretary of the Human Rights Network from the Executive Branch.

Member of the Counseling Board from the Inter-institutional Commission for International Judgments Compliance (CICSI by its Spanish initials).

Regular member of the Children and Adolescence National Board.

Member of the Paraguayan delegation for submitting and defending the National Report during the 64th Period of Sessions from the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), held in September, 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland).

Member of the Paraguayan delegation for submitting and defending the National Report before the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (SPFII), held in May, 2013 (New York, U.S.A.)

Member of the Paraguayan delegation that submitted the progress made in fostering and protecting Human Rights during the hearing carried out before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), held in March, 2013 (Washington, U.S.A.).

Member of the Paraguayan delegation during the Third Periodic Report on application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, regarding the 107th Session from the United Nations Human Rights Committee, held in March 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland).

Member of the Paraguayan delegation in charge of defending the Sixth Periodic Report from the Paraguayan Government before the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) regarding the 50th Session held in October, 2011 (Geneva, Switzerland).

Member of the Drafting Technical Team and further member of Paraguayan delegation in charge of presenting the mechanism related to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) at the 16th Session from the United Nations Human Rights Council in February, 2011 (Geneva, Switzerland).

Member of the Paraguayan delegation as of the 28th Meeting of High-Level Human Rights Authorities and Foreign Ministries of MERCOSUR and Associate Countries (RAADDHH by its Spanish initials) held in Brasilia city (Federative Republic of Brazil). Since 2010, this person has been involved in different Work Groups and Permanent Commissions.

Member of the National Commission for Refugees (CONARE by its spanish initials).

Member of the National Commission on Eradication of Child Labor (CONAETI by its Spanish initials)

Member of the Coordination Committee and Drafting Teams and Edition of the First National Plan on Human Rights for the Republic of Paraguay, drafted until 2010 and published in July, 2013.

Member of the Work Team related to the System of Indicators on Human Rights which ended up with a publication regarding Law applied to Education and Right to have access to Health.

This person has been responsible for promoting, drafting and coordinating eight publications from the Directorate General on Human Rights. She has also been responsible for drafting the internal regulations such as the Protocol to be followed in the event of hunger strike and regulations for mothers who have their children inside the Women's Penitentiary called "Casa del Buen Pastor".

She has also been involved in drawing up the draft bill which creates the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights.

Director

Ministry of Justice and Labor, "Transitory Home called "Ara Pyahu"

(March, 2008 – September, 2010)

Main duties and responsibilities:

Representation, organization, coordination, administration y comprehensive management of the entity in charge.

Update Team Coordinator of Homes' Management System from MJT (Spanish initials for the Ministry of Justice and Labor), technically supported by the entity called EUrosociAL Justicia. As a result of this experience, a comprehensive modernization project for the home called Ara Pyahu was carried out, in coordination with the NGO called DNI Paraguay.

Monitor of internship practices for Social Work students at the Universidad Evangélica del Paraguay in 2009.

Probationary counsel in sundry litigations related to criminal cases

Design and Implementation Team Coordinator for the program called "Gender in Prison" developed having the technical cooperation of the Conference of Latin American Ministers of Justice (COMJIB by its spanish initials) and the Argentinian Federal Penitentiary Service (SPF by its Spanish initials). This specific program for intern mothers and pregnant interns is being executed in the sector called "Amanecer" from the Women's Penitentiary called "Casa del Buen Pastor".

Appointed to participate in inter-institutional bureaus, among them, the bureau organized by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Technical Planning Secretariat (STP by its spanish initials) for specialists in children matters, having the purpose of implementing adequate mechanisms of investment in homes and another bureau integrated to carry out the study on policies related to human trafficking.

Drafter of legal internal documents at the Ministry of Justice and Labor related to Homes, Gender in Prison, House Health and University Internships.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

Judicial Officer

Court of First Instance on Criminal Matters of the Third Circuit/ Ministry of Public Defense, Office of the Advocacy of Child and Adolescence's / Court of First Instance on Civil and Commercial Matters of the Eleventh Circuit
(May, 1999 – August, 2007)

Main duties and responsibilities:

Drafting judicial writs (Certificates, Legal Opinions, Interlocutory Acts, Official Documents, Orders, Final Judgments, etc.), carrying out hearings, organization, control and collection of files, constitutions, judicial interventions and attention to lawyers, among other actions.

FURTHER TRAINING

Course on Techniques to draw up legislative bill drafts

Honorable Chamber of Deputies – Asunción, Paraguay (December, 2015)

Conference on Access to Public Information

Honorable Chamber of Deputies / Fundación Libre – Asunción, Paraguay (August, 2015)

Seminar on Inter-American Justice and Jurisprudence Debate

Inter-American Court of Human Rights / Supreme Court of Justice – Asunción, Paraguay (September, 2014)

First Training Course for Prison Guards from the Penitentiary School

Trainer on Human Rights. Introduction and basic concepts. Ministry of Justice – Asunción, Paraguay (February 2014)

Seminar on International Law of refugees and statelessness

Ministry of Foreign Affairs / United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR – ACNUR) – Asunción, Paraguay (November 2013)

First Inter-American Conference on Exchange of Good Practices in Amicable Settlements before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) / Training Center from the entity called Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (AECID) [Spanish Agency for International Cooperation] – La Antigua, Guatemala (June, 2013)

Meeting of the Experts Group on Minimum Regulations to transport Prisoners

United Nations Office On Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – Buenos Aires, Argentina (December 2012)

First International Congress on Constitutional Procedural Law

Supreme Court of Justice – Research, Legislation and Publications Division / Ibero-American Constitutional Law Institute / Institute of Legal Research – Universidad Nacional Autónoma (México) – Asunción, Paraguay (May 2012)

Exchange of Good Practices in Human Rights

Lecturer on the topic called: “The re-organization of the Ministry of Justice and Labor of Paraguay: The role of the new Under Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. Guest by the United Nations – Lima, Perú (March, 2012)

Forum called: “Paraguay facing torture prevention”

Lecturer. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights – Asunción, Paraguay (August, 2011)

Training Workshop called: “The adolescence. The sound of silence”

Defense for Children International DCI, Chapter Paraguay/ Fundación Diagrama / Andalucía Board (Spain) – Asunción, Paraguay (September – October, 2011)

Workshop-Seminar called: “International Protection of Refugees and search of durable solutions”

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR – ACNUR) / Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Asunción, Paraguay (August, 2011)

International Seminar called: “Public Safety and Human Rights”

Ministry of Foreign Affairs /Ministry of Justice and Labor/ Ministry of Internal Affairs/ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights / Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights at MERCOSUR – Asunción, Paraguay (April, 2011)

Training Course on drawing up regulatory documents and good practices

Argentinian Penitentiary Service – Buenos Aires, Argentina (October, 2010)

Training Course: Program called “Apego”

Ministry of Justice and Labor/ Argentinian Federal Penitentiary Service (SPF) – Asunción, Paraguay (June, 2010)

Lecture on “Preventing Influenza in specific populations”

Under Ministry of Justice and Human Rights/ Paraguayan Red Cross – Asunción, Paraguay (June, 2010)

Workshop on drafting the national policy to fight against human trafficking in Paraguay

Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Centro de Estudios en Derechos Humanos, Niñez y Juventud (CENIJU) [Center for Studies in Human Rights, Childhood and Youth]– Asunción, Paraguay (April, 2010)

Training Workshop addressed to officers from children and adolescent homes which are dependent from the Ministry of Justice and Labor

Ministry of Justice and Labor / Childhood and Adolescence National Secretariat – Asunción, Paraguay (July, 2009)

Second AIBan Conference – Grenoble 2007

AIBan Program (High-level Scholarship Program from the European Union to Latin America) / Santander Association Group of Universities– Grenoble, France (May, 2007)

Seminar on “Els Drets de la Infància i L’Adolescència: El Dret de Participació” (Childhood and Adolescence Rights: Right to participate”)

Foundation called Olof Palme – Barcelona, Spain (April 2007)

Seminar on Child violence: professional interventions

Association for the Defense of Childhood and Adolescence Rights ADDIA / Universitat de Barcelona UB / Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia UNED / Save The Children Cataluña / International Foundation called Olof Palme / Institute for the Development and Analysis of Family Law in Spain IDADFE – Barcelona, Spain (April, 2007)

Seminar on Juvenile Justice Social Exclusion or Announced Lock-up?

Universidad Autónoma de Asunción/ Defense for Children International DCI, Chapter Paraguay – Asunción, Paraguay (April 2006)

Seminar-workshop on Childhood and Adolescence Code-Criminal Area

Supreme Court of Justice/ German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) – San Bernardino, Paraguay (July, 2003)

Seminar-workshop on Childhood and Adolescence Code

Supreme Court of Justice – Asunción, Paraguay (July, 2002)

Workshop on Childhood and Adolescence Code-Criminal Procedure

CIDSEP UCA / CIEJ / Supreme Court of Justice – Asunción, Paraguay (March, 2002)

One-day-training course on the newest Childhood and Adolescence Code

Coordinator of Judicial Clerks from the capital city – Asunción, Paraguay (November 2001)

OTHER SKILLS

Languages

Spanish. Mother tongue/ *English*. Advanced Level / *Portuguese*. Intermediate level

Computing

Computer-based typing

Advanced knowledge on Windows OS and tools related to MS Office: Word, Excel, Publisher, Power Point, Internet and Social Media.

FURTHER SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Associate Researcher

ALEPP – Asesoría Legislativa + Políticas Públicas [Legislative Advice and Public Policies] (2014 – Present)

Co-author of the following works for the Federation of Production, Industry and Trade (FEPRINCO), having the support of the Bureau for Employers' Activities of International Labour Organization (ACT/EMP-OIT) (currently in process of publication):

- "Public policies to facilitate the formalization of informal economy"
- "Development of an efficient labor intermediation system which may take into consideration the needs from the entrepreneur"
- "Development of an efficient system of job training that meets the needs of companies"
- "Public Policies needed to generate a favorable environment for the reactivation of the economy and production (favorable environments to develop sustainable companies)"

Researcher

Centro de Investigaciones Jurídicas y Económicas del Deporte (CIJED) [Center for Legal and Economic Research in Sport] – Asunción, Paraguay (2005 – Present)

Scholarship Holder

Program called Alβan from the European Union for the realization of an educational program/training course in Europe- Master's Degree in Family Law, Facultat de Dret, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain (2006 – 2007)

Member of the Students' Council

Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales – Universidad Nacional de Asunción, Paraguay (2001)