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POSITIONS: GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA

Second Vice-President of the Republic 1998-2002

Minister of the Environment and Energy 1998-2002

Minister of Justice 1990-1994

Minister of Justice and Attorney General, 1978-1982

Ambassador, Permanent Representative before European Union, United Nations, Geneva, 1993

Ambassador, Head of Delegation, International Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993

EDUCATION

Masters in Law and Notary Public, Universidad de Costa Rica, 1964

Post Graduate Work in Social and Economical Development, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina- Organization of American States, 1968

Post Graduate Work in Gender Studies, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, 1986-1987

TEACHING EXPERIENCE-COSTA RICA

Universidad de Costa Rica: Law School

Professor Emeritus, 1995

Full Professor, 1986

Specialties: Introduction to Law; History of Law; Private Law; Labor Law; Family Law; International Human Rights Law; Social and Economical Development of Costa Rica.

Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica 1992-present

Human Rights Master Seminar

1999, 1996; 1990-92; 1983- 1985

Numerous courses and National and International Seminars in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. 1992-present

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Universidad de Costa Rica, 1988-1990

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Invited Professor

University of Barcelona, Spain, International Public Law School, 1998

University of Leiden, Netherlands, Annie Romein/Verschoor, Honor Lectureship, 1998

Miguel de Cervantes, Military Academy and University of Zaragoza, Jaca, Spain, 1996

Utrecht University, Netherlands, International School of Law, 1995

René Cassin Institute, University of Strasbourg, France, 1986

UNITED NATIONS

Member of the Costa Rican National Group to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, 2000-present

Judge International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia 1993/1998

President Working Group on Optional Protocol for the International Convention against Torture, 1998

Member and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Universidad para la Paz, UNESCO, 1999-present

Member of the Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank, 1997-/1998

Vice-President of the Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia Tribunal 1993/1995

Special Rapporteur Sub/Commission on Discrimination and Intolerance based on Religion or Creed, 1983/1986

Member of the Sub-Commission for the Prevention of Discrimination and Minorities Protection, Human Rights Commission, 1980/1983

MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Directors, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights

Board of Directors, International Commission of Jurists

Costa Rican Law Association

Steering Committee, Asser Institute, The Hague, Netherlands

PUBLICATIONS

"Bankruptcy Agreements", University of Costa Rica Legal Journal, No.6, 1965

"Law and the Costa Rican Population", Faculty of Law Review, University of Costa Rica, 1973

"Population and the Role of Law in Costa Rica", Law and Population Program, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 1974

"Labor Jurisprudence in the Appellate Chamber from 1971-1975", University of Costa Rica, No.33., 1976.

"De Facto Families", Legal Journal, Costa Rican Supreme Court, No.8. 1978

"Collective Conventions of Labor Movements in Costa Rica", Journal of Legal Sciences, Faculty of Law, No.35, 1978

"Public Servants and Legal Regulations", Attorney General's Office Journal, No.12, 1979.

"Corporal Punishment and the Correctional System", Judicial Journal of Costa Rica, 1981

Marriage and the Law: Needed Reforms, Legal Journal of Costa Rica, No.33, 1985

Human Rights

"The Principle of No- Discrimination: The Case of Women ", Journal of the Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica, 1985

"United Nations Declaration for the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion or Creed: Applicable and effective implementation"; Judicial Journal, Costa Rica, 1985

"The United Nation's System of Protection of Human Rights", Strasbourg, France, 1986

"The Principle of No- Discrimination in Education", Journal of the Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica, 1986

"The Elimination of all forms of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion or Creed". Official Publication of the United Nations in all its official languages, New York, 1989.

"The Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia", Proceedings Miguel de Cervantes University of Zaragoza, Spain, 1996

"Protection for the Human Rights of Women ", Institute of Human Rights, CLADEM, 1996

"The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia", Journal of the Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica, 1997

"Justice for Peace.. No to Impunity", Proceedings of the Institute of Penal Studies, Siracusa, Italy, 1997

"Human Rights and the University of Costa Rica", Journal of the University of Costa Rica, 1997

"On Rape and other Sexual Crimes Punished by International Humanitarian Law as War Crimes", in Fernando Volio, Institute of Human Rights, 1997.

Author of numerous articles on political and social issues published in several Costa Rican MAIN newspapers throughout the last 25 years.