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Experience

Fernando has a wide experience in investigation and Criminal Law gained throughout his career at the Judicial Branch, Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman, Office of the Attorney General of the Nation, the Attorney General's Office, and the Tax Administration Superintendence (SAT).

Education

Postgraduate Degree in Transparency and Good Governance, Rafael Landívar University, 2014

Master's Degree – Specialist in Criminal Sciences, Costa Rica University, 1989

Attorney-At-Law and Notary, Rafael Landivar University, 1987

Course on Legal Argumentation, SÍLEX, 2021.

Professional activities

Fernando acted as assistant associate of the Office of the Ombudsman in Petén, as well as Attorney of the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation and Public Prosecutor's Office (1987-1988).

He worked at a Law Firm for five years as criminal attorney and investigator of bank frauds and insurance claims (from 1989 to 1994).

He subsequently worked at the Public Prosecutor's Office for more than a decade (from 1994 to 2005). He held the positions of District Prosecutor of the Mixco Agency of the Public Prosecutor's Office, Legal Adviser, Counselor of the Public Prosecutor's Office, Special Prosecutor of the Anticorruption Agency of the Public Prosecutor's Office, Head of the Agency against Narco-Activity Crimes of the Public Prosecutor's Office, Prosecutor of the Section of the Prosecutor's Office against Organized Crime and lawyer of the Challenges Unit. He was also a teacher at that institution.

Subsequently, he worked for the Tax Administration Superintendence from 2007 to 2012. He was legal advisor of the Tax Administration Superintendence and Head of the Verification Unit of the Tax Administration Superintendence.

He is Professor at the San Carlos de Guatemala University, attached to the popular law firm, where he teaches a preparation course for the professional technical exam, in the branch of Substantive Criminal Law.

Executive Secretary of the National Commission for the Prevention of Customs Fraud and Smuggling (CONACON).

He is also professor at the Mesoamerican University, where he teaches the course on Criminal Procedure Law.

Fernando has been a conference speaker on several occasions on different subjects, including organized crime; ethics, morality and transparency; security; duties of the Public Prosecutor's Office; anticorruption; and interrogations.

Publications and contributions

- Intellectual Property in Guatemala, 1998
- New Doctrinal Tendencies on Crime Theory, 1999
- The American Convention on Human Rights and the New Guatemalan Criminal Code, 1999
- The Special Appeal Remedy in the Guatemala Criminal Code, 2000
- Thesis: Goodness as One of the Purposes that the Application of Justice Must Pursue, 1987

Memberships

Guatemalan Bar Association

Practice areas

Criminal Litigation

Languages

Spanish