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Experience

Leopoldo has extensive experience in the investigation and litigation of criminal and human rights cases, obtained through his work in the most important civil society organizations in the country and International Cooperation Organizations such as UNDP, AID (PAVI Project) and Latin American Development Corporation (CDL, Quito Ecuador), General Prosecutor's Office (MP), Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH), Presidential Human Rights Commission (COPREDEH), Attorney-General's Office (PGN), and International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG).

Education

- Attorney at Law and Notary Public graduated from Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala Law School, 1996.
- Master's degree in Constitutional Law, October 2004. Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador.
- Multidisciplinary Diploma, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, March 23, 2010.
- Diploma in Strategic Litigation in criminal cases, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, March 23, 2011
- Advanced Program in Corporate Compliance, April to August 2019. Universidad Internacional de la Rioja, Spain.
- Specialized course on intelligence and counterintelligence, Fundación San Marcos and Consultora Goberna Analytics, Lima Peru, July 2020.
- Master in Criminal Policy, October 2020 to June 2022; University of Salamanca, Spain; (In the process of preparing the final thesis work).

Professional Activities

In the General Prosecutor's Office, between 1994 and 2001, he developed his prosecutorial career, performing in various positions that allowed him to know the institutional functioning and gain experience in handling the investigation, preparation of the prosecution and litigation of cases in criminal courts.

Between 2005 and 2016, his experience in the litigation area led him to participate in multiple cases handled by PDH, COPREDEH and various civil society organizations.

Between 2013 and 2016, he participated as trial lawyer in criminal proceedings, assisting plaintiffs in cases of Violence against Women and Femicide for the Guatemalan Women's Group (GGM). Litigation activities included participation as a lawyer in thematic hearings at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in Washington DC, USA, and in a case supervision hearing at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, in San José, Costa Rica.

In 2014, under the auspices of UNDP, he developed advisory activities in the construction of cases for the Human Rights Prosecutor's Office.

In 2017, he participated as Lawyer and Agent of the International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), supported investigation and litigation processes of that entity within the scope of his mandate. In this role, he participated in criminal hearings in its different instances and public hearings in the Constitutional Court.

Publications and Contributions

- Degree thesis 1996. Dejudicialization measures in the Guatemalan criminal process.
- Master plan for adjustment to the criminal justice system of Ecuador, 2003.
- Comprehensive care model, Colectivo Artesana, 2011.
- Tool for monitoring the problems faced by women deprived of liberty in Guatemala. Credits for participating in the preparation of the document in 2012.
- Monitoring Report on the problems faced by women deprived of liberty and their daughters and sons in Guatemala, according to the Bangkok rules. Credits for participating in the preparation of the document for having participated in the research in 2012.
- Monitoring of the situation of the daughters and sons of women deprived of liberty in Guatemala. Credits for participating in the preparation of the research document in 2012.
- Teacher's guide, training plan for prosecutors for crimes against life, 2012.

Memberships

Guatemalan Bar Association

Practice Areas

White-Collar Crimes and Frauds

Languages

Spanish