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EDUCATION

American University Washington College of Law, Washington D.C, US Aug. 2021 – Dec. 2022

Master of Laws in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law | GPA: 3.9 of 4.00, *magna cum laude equivalent*

Honors: 9 Credits Human Rights Academy Scholarship | Highest grade designation on U.S. Constitutional Law, LL.M Legal Research & Writing and U.S. Legal Ethics (3 courses)

Journal: Human Rights Brief, *Junior Staff* | Published Academic Article on Vol. 26, Issue 1

Activities: Assistant Coordinator of the 2022 Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court (IAMOOT) | International Round Table Speaker regarding Human Rights violations in Venezuela organized by WCL LL.M Board

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina Apr. 2020 – Apr. 2021

Specialization Diploma in Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | GPA: 3.9 of 4.0, *magna cum laude equivalent*

Honors: Outstanding mention, Research Papers on *ESCR Reparation on the IACortHR Jurisprudence* and *ESCR & Rights to Participation*

Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Caracas, Venezuela Sep. 2014 – Aug. 2019

Bachelor of Laws | 3.7 of 4.0, *cum laude equivalent*

Honors: Dean's List | Ranked Top 5 in Class | Integral Student Award 2018 for International Competitions, Students Government and Volunteer | Best Speaker 2017 & 2018 on Moot Courts Competitions | 1st Place Moot Court 2017 | 2019 IAMOOT Semifinalist, Individual Score No. 11

Activities: Student Representative before the Law School Council | Debate Club | National Model of United Nations (New York, US) – Outstanding Delegate Award | Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court (IAMOOT) | Eduardo Jimenez de Arechaga (CEJA) Moot Court Competition

EXPERIENCE

WCL Academy on Human Rights and IHL, Washington D.C, US Sep. 2022 – currently

Program Coordinator, Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition

- Lead a trilingual worldwide human rights education project based on the Inter-American legal system. Conducted direct work collaboration with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court on Human Rights by drafting relevant legal documents for the Competition. Implemented agreements of cooperation with international human rights bodies. Supervised over 20 Dean's Fellows and volunteers. Administered a budget of over \$70,000, including payments to vendors. Social media and website management.
- Coordinated the Academy's Human Rights Essay Award, a written competition aimed to promote the production of scholarly academic articles. Main point of contact with the WCL International Law Review for the editorial process and publication of the annual journal.
- Directed the planification and execution of human rights events, including working with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations (UNESCO); Konrad Adenauer Foundation; CEJIL, Due Process of Law Foundation, among others.

Assistant Coordinator, Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition

- Managed logistics with interpreters, housing office, WCL departments, catering, and other service providers. Oversee budget and financial records and coordinated day-to-day office operations. Point of contact of over more than 100 participants. Worked with Human Rights advocates for the 2023 case based on Racial Discrimination.

Permanent Mission of Venezuela before the Organization of American States, Washington D.C, US Mar. 2021 – Dec. 2022

Human Rights Legal Advisor

- Drafted official State memorandums response to petitions for cases of Human Rights violations before the Inter-American System bodies. Drafted reports about the general situation of human rights in Venezuela. Prepared Speeches for the Ambassador and other Diplomats.

Human Rights Commission of the Interim Government of Venezuela, San Jose, Costa Rica Apr. 2020 – Mar. 2021

International Litigation Coordinator

- Submitted urgent appeals and precautionary measures before UN bodies and the IACHR. Presented an *Amicus Curiae* Brief before the Inter-American Court. Delivered oral arguments presentation before the Court. Drafted Annual and Thematic Report on the Human Rights situation in Venezuela. Designed the Human Rights National Plan and conducted recurrent meetings regarding its implementation with different Venezuelan stakeholders. Prepared academic events and webinars on International Law.

Inter-American Court of Human Rights, San Jose, Costa Rica Sep. 2019 – Apr. 2020

Intern and Professional Visitor

- Drafted judgements drafts, compliance supervision resolutions and concurrent/dissenting votes from Judges. Organized legal files to maximize efficiency. Reviewed and analyzed evidence, coordinated Public Hearings, and prepared academic articles from the Court's Registrar.

Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (UCAB), Caracas, Venezuela Apr. 2021 - Present

Assistant Professor, International law, and Legal Ethics Courses

- Assisted lectures and encouraged a diverse and safe learning space for critical thinking. Designed course syllabus and other academic materials. Lectured classes regarding different issues of international law, with a special focus on Human Rights

Academic Research Assistant, UCAB Center for Human Rights

Jan. 2018 – Jan 2020

- Conducted research on Refugee Law and Transitional Justice. Organized Academic courses on Human Rights. Assisted the drafting of an Amicus Curie submitted to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Conversational) and Portuguese (Basic)

Interest: International Competitions, International Law, Literature, Philosophy, Politics, Geek Movies and Traveling