

JUANA INÉS ACOSTA LÓPEZ

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EDUCATION

PHD (Doctora en Derecho)

- Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- October 21, 2022

LL.M in International Legal Studies

- New York University
- May of 2011.
- As Hauser Global Scholar (first Colombian to attend NYU with this scholarship)

Magister in Human Rights and Democratization

- Universidad Externado de Colombia
- November, 2009

Abogada (Lawyer)

- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana of Colombia
- June of 2005 (Best grade point average in the graduating court)

COMPLEMENTARY STUDIES

Coaching for Senior Management.

- Inalde Business School
- 2015

Certificate in Transitional Justice, Political Transformation and Reconciliation.

- Universidad del Rosario
- October - December of 2006.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor; Faculty of Law and Political Sciences. Universidad de La Sabana. August 2014- To date.

- Director of the Legal Clinic of Public Interest and Human Rights – strategic litigation in the protection of human life; liberties and pluralism; environmental issues; peace and transitional justice, and economic justice (2018- To date)
- Co-director of the Research Group in International Law (2015-To date)
- Director of Professors and Research. Faculty of Law and Political Sciences (January 2017 to August 2018).
- Director of the Law Program. Faculty of Law and Political Sciences (December 2014 to January of 2017).

Managing Partner of the company AEI International Legal and Consulting Services S.A.S. June 2022-To date

- Advice to States in matters of human rights.
- Advice to private sector companies to adapt their actions and policies to their human rights responsibilities (Business and Human Rights).

External Legal Adviser. National Agency for the legal Defense of the State. 2013-To date.

- Agent representing Colombia before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in several cases.
- Advice on emblematic cases before the Inter-American Human Rights System.
- Part of the Government delegation in the hearings before the Inter-American Court of Rights Humans, in emblematic cases.
- Preparation of litigation strategies with the other entities of the National Government.

Consultant for the Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT) –2018-To date.

- Legal concepts (according to the needs of the Institute) on related topics with transitional justice.

Consultant to the Presidential Advisory Office for Stabilization and Consolidation. January 2022- May 2022.

- Legal advice on issues related to point 5 of the Peace Agreement and the implementation of transitional justice in Colombia.

Consultant to the University of Notre Dame. January 2022.

- Support in the project "USAID Paraguay Rule of Law and Culture of Integrity (ROLCI)" for the construction of a Guide on Active Learning Methods.

External Advisor to the “Unidad para las Víctimas” (Victims Unit) - June 2020 -November 2022.

- Legal advice on issues related to transitional justice and to the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.
- Consultant for the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation (in agreement with Universidad de La Sabana). January 2021- December 2021
- Consultancy on macro-victimization in the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.
- Consultancy for the development of a mechanism to monitor compliance with Point 5 of the Peace Agreement.

Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile. April 2021-June 2021

- Co-agent of the Republic of Chile for the defense of that country before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the case Pavez Pavez (Freedom of religion).

External Advisor to the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation - with the agreement and cooperation of the International Organization for Migration. June 2020- June 2021.

- Coordination of the "Think Tank" in the Delegate Attorney's Office before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.
- Preparation of concepts and analytical documents and recommendations for the operation of the Comprehensive System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-Repetition.

External Adviser for the “Unidad para las Víctimas” (Victims Unit) – December 2019-March 2020.

- Advice on comprehensive reparation, administrative reparation and reparation in contexts of transitional justice.
- Advice for the analysis of possible extension and modification to Law 1448 of 2011, Victims Law and Land Restitution.

FUCOLDE Adviser – November 2019-April 2021.

- Preparation of analytical and technical products related to international law and transitional justice, within the framework of the FUCOLDE agreement with the Ministry of Justice.
- Within the framework of the agreement with the Ministry of Justice, support in legal matters related to international human rights law, law international humanitarian and transitional justice.

External Advisor to the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation - in agreement with the International Organization of Migration. September and October 2019.

- Support in legal strategies and concepts in relation to cases before the Special Jurisdiction for peace.

Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, United Mexican States. April 2016-October 2016.

- Advice on issues of the Inter-American Human Rights System.

Attorney General of the Plurinational State of Bolivia. November 2015- August 2016.

- Co-agent of the Plurinational State of Bolivia for the defense of that country before the Inter- American Court of Human Rights in cases IV and María Nina Lupe Andrade Salmón.

External Legal Adviser. Office of the High Commissioner for Peace. Special Programs Fund for Peace. January 2013 - October 2013.

- Coordinator of the Office Thematic Team (Havana Peace Process)
 - Coordinator of the Office Thematic Team (in charge of 17 people).
 - Responsible for the preparation and review of documents and proposals for the Board of Dialogues of Havana.
 - Responsible for the relations with the Ministries and other Government Agencies for the preparation of documents for the Peace Talks and decision-making policies in relation to the Roundtable.
 - Responsible for coordinating the issues of citizen participation for the Dialogue Table and projects with Governments and Mayors for citizen participation.
- Part of the Government delegation in Havana during the point regarding participation politics.
- Preparation of thematic documents on international law, human rights and transitional justice.

Consultant for the Ombudsman's Office. June 2013 to August 2013

- Preparation of Publication "Moot Court Techniques before the Inter-American System of Rights Humans" aimed at tutors, students and judges of the National Human Rights Contest.
- Preparation of the Memories of the 10 years of the National Human Rights Contest.

Attorney General of the Plurinational State of Bolivia. March-April 2013.

- Co-agent of the Plurinational State of Bolivia for the defense of that country before the Court Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the Pacheco Tineo et al. Case.

External Advisor to the Presidency of the Republic, Fund for Special Programs for Peace. June 2011 to December 2012.

- Advice on issues of international law, human rights and transitional justice for the peace process in Havana and for the transitional justice strategy.
- Support for the preparation and promotion of Legislative Acts and laws before the Congress of the Republic in matters of transitional justice.

External Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Relations. 2009-2012

- Agent of the State of Colombia before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the case of Vélez and others (case related to freedom of expression).
- Agent of the State of Colombia before the Inter-American Court in the case of Manuel Cepeda Vargas.
- Adviser for cases of friendly solutions.

External Legal Consultant. UNIFEM / Presidential Council for Equity for Women. March of 2010 to August 2010.

- Regulation of Law 1257 of 2008 on violence against women, regarding Justice administration.
- Coordination with State entities for the preparation and promotion of the Regulatory Decree.

External Legal Consultant for Talisman Colombia Oil and Gas. January 2010 to March 2010.

- Design of training programs in human rights and international humanitarian law for officers and sub-officers.
- Design of teaching cards for the Public Force for the implementation of Directive 16 of 2006 from the Ministry of National Defense.

Coordinator of the "Grupo Operativo Institucional" (Group of international litigation in human rights) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (commissioned by the Ministry of Defense National). October 2006 to November 2009.

- Lead the litigation group (15 lawyers)
- Design and propose international litigation strategies
- Responsible of directing the "international writings"
- Direct and coordinate inter-institutional meetings for the international litigation of cases of human rights
- Participate on behalf of Colombia in the hearings before the Inter-American Commission (Washington, D.C.) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (Costa Rica).

Coordinator of the Doctrine and Advisory Group (Group for legal concepts) Ministry of National defense. November 2007 to November 2008.

- Responsible for leading the group.
- Support the design of legal opinions and documents related to human rights, international humanitarian and operational law.
- Support the design of public policies, such as the Comprehensive Policy on Human Rights and IHL and support the design of the Operational Law Manual for the use of force by the Force Public.

Advisor to the Observatory of Gender Issues of the Presidential Council for Equity of the Woman / UNIFEM. June 2006 to March 2007.

- Design and edit the document related to the gender perspective in the decisions of the Court Supreme of Justice.
- Preparation of international reports.
- Update of the IV and V report before CEDAW.
- Participant of the delegation in the support of the IV and V report of CEDAW before the United Nations in New York.
- Monitoring of the legislative agenda and coordination of relations with the Congress of the Republic.
- Participation on behalf of the Ministry in the negotiation of the National Plan of Action in Human Rights with other State entities.
- Participation in the design of the Strategic Plan to combat violence against women.

Junior Lawyer. Brigard & Urrutia Abogados. Litigation Department. Constitutional and administrative actions. September 2005 to May 2006.

- Preparation of legal concepts; customer service, participation in various due diligence processes before companies.

Advisor to the International Law Area. Vice Presidency of the Republic. Presidential Program of Human Rights. January 2005 to June 2005.

- Preparation of legal documents before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and participation in inter-institutional litigation meetings before the Inter-American Human Rights System; support in the discussion for the elaboration of the Law of Justice and Peace (Law 975 of 2005).

Legal Consultant. International Organization for Migration (IOM). Project: "Design of a participatory methodology for the collection of information and protection of movable property of the population at risk of displacement or displaced, and recovery of property or repair of economic rights". June 2004 to September 2004.

District legal advisor. District Oversight, Bogotá. Design and edition of the Police Code of Bogota. June 2001 to December 2002.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of La Sabana. July 2014 to date. Undergraduate and postgraduate: Introduction to the Case method, International Human Rights Law, Argumentation and Rhetoric, Conversations on the Peace Process, Transitional Justice, Strategies of litigation, Argumentation Techniques, Moot Court - IHRS and Jessup, International Law. Member of the Academic Committee of the Master's Degree and Tutor of Research in the Master in International Law.
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Professor of the Diploma in Inter-American System of Human rights. 2019 -2022.
- Universidad Externado de Colombia. Professor of the Master of Public Law, 2018.
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Cali, Colombia. Profesora de la Maestría de Derechos Humanos y Cultura de Professor of the Master of Human Rights and Culture of Peace. 2013 and 2014.
- Universidad del Rosario. Professor of the Specialization in Human Rights and Law Humanitarian International. 2012-Present.
- Universidad Militar Nueva Granada. Professor of the Specialization in Human Rights and Defense before international protection systems. August 2014 to 2016.
- Universidad Santo Tomás. Professor and tutor of the Master's thesis in Defense of Rights Humans before international bodies and organizations, 2009-2018.
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Professor of the Inter-American Human Rights System. 2013 - 2014.
- University of La Sabana. Research Professor. 2011-2012.
 - Direction of the Master's in International Law project.
 - Associate Professor of International Law and Inter-American Moot Court courses.
 - Direction of research projects in international law and human rights.
- Univeristy of La Sabana. Teacher, 2007-2010. Courses: International Law of Rights Human Rights, International Criminal Law, International Litigation and International Law Seminar.
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Teacher, 2005-2010. Courses: Public International Law 2, Inter-American Human Rights System, student training for competitions international human rights.
- Universidad del Rosario. Assistant Professor, 2008-2009. Course: Public International Law.
- Professor, 2008. Public Reason Corporation. Course: Diploma in Human Rights for judicial operators.
- Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Professor, 2006-2007. Course: Seminar of economic, social and cultural rights.
- Escuela Militar de Cadetes, 2007. Courses: Inter-American Court of Human RIghts and Transitional Justice.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND AWARDS

- Member of the Editorial Board of the International Review of the Red Cross. First colombian elected for the board (elected for the period 2021-2026).
- Substitute judge. Special Jurisdiction for Peace. Sección de Reconocimiento de Verdad y Responsabilidad del Tribunal para la Paz (elected for the period 2021-2022 and re-elected for the period 2022-2023).
- Board member of the Colombian Academy of international Law (Academia Colombiana de Derecho Internacional). February 2016 - February 2017.
- President of the Colombian Academy of international Law (Academia Colombiana de Derecho Internacional). February 2014 - February 2016.
- Vice President of the Colombian Academy of international Law (Academia Colombiana de Derecho Internacional). February 2012 - February 2013.
- Hauser Global Scholar. New York University. LLM in International Legal Studies. March 2010.
- Best Grade Point Average. 2005. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana.
- State's undergraduate test of Knowledge of Law, Ninth best score of the country.

- Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition of the American University, Second place. American University. 2003.
- Alternate member of the Board of Directors of the Colombian Academy of International Law. June 2009 to June 2011.
- Recognition. Best Academic Average of the Court of Graduates. June 9, 2005. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana.
- Elected to represent Colombia in the fellow in Leadership for the Americas Congress. October of 2002. Forth Worth, Texas.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Co-Editor. Justicia Transicional en Colombia. Una mirada retrospectiva. Editorial Planeta (Ariel) y Universidad de La Sabana, 2023.
- Co-Editor. Aprendiendo de la transición. Lecciones y desafíos del modelo de justicia transicional en Colombia. Bogotá. Universidad de los Andes, Universidad de la Sabana, 2021
- Co-Editor. De anacronismos y vaticinios. Diagnóstico sobre las relaciones entre el derecho internacional y el derecho interno en Latinoamérica. Ed: Universidad Externado de Colombia. ISBN 978-958-7727-97-5. October 2013.
- Técnicas de Moot Court en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos. Ed: Defensoría del Pueblo. ISBN 978-958-8571-73-7. December 2013.
- Co-Editor and Research Director. Debate Interamericano 3. Edición Especial: Conceptos Claves sobre el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos. Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores. December 2010.
- Co-Compiler. Debate Interamericano 2. Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores. ISBN 978-958-8244-42-6. December 2010. Author of two chapters of the book. 2010.
- Controversias Procesales en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos. October 2009. Ed: Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Ibañez Editores. Coauthored with Alvaro Amaya-Villareal.
- Co-Compiler. Debate Interamericano. Volumen 1. Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores. ISBN 978-958-8244-42-6. June 2009. Author of two chapters of the book.

Indexed journals

- Retos de la jurisprudencia de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos en la categorización de conductas como crímenes internacionales. International Journal of Constitutional Law, Volume 19, Issue 4, October 2021, Pages 1248–1253, <https://doi.org/10.1093/icon/moab113>.
- Alcance del deber de investigar, juzgar y sancionar en transiciones de conflicto armado a una paz negociada: convergencias entre el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos y la Corte Penal Internacional. Revista Derecho del Estado N° 45, Enero – Abril 2020. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3519480>; en coautoría con Ana María Idárraga.
- The Inter-American Human Rights System and the Colombian Peace: Redefining the Fight Against Impunity. In: Symposium on The Colombian Peace Talks and International Law. American Journal of International Law Onbound, 2016.
- La protección internacional de la objeción de conciencia: análisis comparado entre sistemas de derechos humanos y perspectivas en el Sistema Interamericano. En: Colombia. Anuario Colombiano De Derecho Internacional - Acdi ISSN: 2145-4493 ed: Centro Editorial De La Universidad Del Rosario ,2016. En coautoría con María Carmelina Londoño.
- Vaccines, Informed Consent, Effective Remedy and Integral Reparation: an International Human Rights Perspective". En: Colombia. Universitas ISSN: 0041-9060 ed: Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Bogota Dc, 2015
- The Cotton Field case: gender perspective and feminist theories in the Inter-American Court of Human rights jurisprudence. Revista International Law. Número 21.
- La responsabilidad internacional del Estado frente al deber de custodia: estándares internacionales frente a los centros estatales de detención”, Revista Estudios Socio-Jurídicos, 2011, 13, (2). Coautor: Álvaro Amaya Villarreal.

- Las líneas lógicas de investigación: una contribución del sistema interamericano de derechos humanos al juzgamiento de los crímenes de sistema en marcos de justicia transicional. *Revista International Law*. Número 18. ISSN 1692-8156. Coautora: Lina Álvarez.
- El papel de la justicia nacional en la garantía del derecho a un recurso efectivo internacional. *Revista International Law*. Número 16. ISSN 1692-8156. Coautora: María Carmelina Londoño.
- El derecho de petición individual en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos y su relación con las obligaciones que surgen de las medidas interinas y provisionales. *Revista Estudios de Derecho*. Universidad de Antioquia. No. 148. Coautora: Marta Cecilia Maya.
- El cumplimiento de los fines de reparación integral de las medidas ordenadas por la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos: Énfasis en la experiencia colombiana. *Revista International Law*. Número. 13. ISSN 1692-8156. Coautora: Diana Bravo Rubio. • Declaración Universal de Derechos Humanos ¿Norma de Ius Cogens? *Revista International Law*. Número. 12. ISSN 1692-8156. Coautora: Ana María Duque Vallejo.
- Aporte para la Garantía del Equilibrio Procesal en el Sistema Interamericano de Protección de los Derechos Humanos: la acumulación de etapas y las garantías procesales. *Revista International Law*. Número. 11. ISSN 1692-8156. Coautor: Alvaro Francisco Amaya.
- Asistencia estatal a los desplazados y reparación en el sistema interamericano de Derechos Humanos. Coautor: Julián Daniel López Murcia. *Revista International Law*. Número 8. Junio-Noviembre de 2006. ISSN 1692-815.

Book chapters

- Compliance with international human rights obligations in Colombia: assessing the normative evolution and practical challenges. *Research Handbook on Compliance in International Human Rights Law*. Edward Elgar Publishing. Octubre de 2021. Acosta-López, Juana & Vega, Giovany.
- The transitional justice model in Colombia vis-à-vis the Inter-American Human Rights System: Amidst the conventionality control and the national margin of appreciation in Constitutionalism: Old Dilemmas, New Insights; Alejandro Linares Cantillo, Assistant Editor Camilo Valdivieso-León, and Santiago García-Jaramillo (eds.), Mayo de 2021. ed: Oxford. Co-author: Cindy Espitia.
- Mecanismos de cumplimiento de sentencias y recomendaciones del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos en Colombia: avances, retos y dificultades, en Armin von Bogdandy, Eduardo Ferrer MacGregor, Mariela Morales Antoniazzi y Pablo Saavedra Alessandri (eds.), Cumplimiento e impacto de las sentencias de la Corte Interamericana y el Tribunal Europeo de Derechos Humanos. *Transformando realidades (MPIL, IECQ, UNAM-IIJ, 2019)*. Co-author: Cindy Espitia. <https://bit.ly/345TtsE>
- Constitucionalización del sistema integral de verdad, justicia y reparación en Colombia: Comentarios sobre la participación política y la responsabilidad del mando. Co-author: Carlos Arévalo. In prensa.
- La justicia transicional a la luz del derecho internacional: la perspectiva de la Corte Constitucional colombiana. In *De anacronismos y vaticinios. Diagnóstico sobre las relaciones entre el derecho internacional y el derecho interno en Latinoamérica*. Ed: Universidad Externado de Colombia. ISBN 978-958-7727-97-5. October 2013. Co-author: Cindy Espitia Murcia.
- La protección internacional de la objeción de conciencia: análisis comparado entre sistemas de derechos humanos y perspectivas en el Sistema Interamericano. *Anuario Colombiano de Derecho Internacional*. Universidad del Rosario. 2015. Coauthor: María Carmelina Londoño.
- La defensa de Colombia ante la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos: re-definiendo los conceptos de ganar y perder en el litigio internacional. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. *Collective work about International Litigation*. 2015.
- Juicio de sustitución: La participación política de excombatientes como desarrollo del marco democrático participativo in *Justicia de Transición y Constitución II: Análisis de la sentencia C-577 de 2014 de la Corte Constitucional*. Co-author: María Carmelina Londoño. Ed: Temis, EDPAL, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung: 2015.
- El valor del precedente en la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos: vacíos, prácticas y lecciones in *El precedente judicial y el ejercicio del derecho ante las altas cortes*. Co-author: Cindy Vanessa Espitia. Ed: Universidad de Medellín, Fundación Universitaria Comfenalco: 2015.
- Las excepciones preliminares en el procedimiento ante la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humano in *Apuntes sobre el Sistema Interamericano IV*. Ed. Universidad Externado de Colombia. 2013.
- La CIDH frente a los desafíos de 2011: oportunidades para el fortalecimiento del Sistema Interamericano. *Anuario de Derecho Internacional*. Universidad Diego Portales de Chile. December 2012. Co-authors: María Dolores Miño y Alejandra Otero.
- Más allá del Bloque de Constitucionalidad: la incorporación judicial de la doctrina y la jurisprudencia del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos en las decisiones de las Altas Cortes en Colombia in “Los 20 años de la Constitución Política en Colombia”. Konrad Adenauer. December 2011.

- Colombia ante el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos in La Jurisprudencia de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos. Vol. VI. Universidad Autónoma de México. ISBN 970-32-3457-7. Co-author: María Carmelina Londoño.
- El régimen de excepciones preliminares ante la corte interamericana de Derechos Humanos in Apuntes sobre Sistema Interamericano II. Universidad Externado de Colombia. ISBN 978-958710-6305. November 2010.

Other

- Guía para la implementación de Metodologías Activas de Enseñanza (MAE) en la carrera de derecho. Instituto Desarrollo with the support of U.S. Agency for International Development. June 2022. Coauthored with María Camila Ospina.