

# BIOGRAPHIES

## Panelists and moderators



**Alejandra Beuchot**, Protection Assistant, UNHCR Mexico

Alejandra is a Protection Assistant at UNHCR Mexico. She has a Law Degree from the Universidad Iberoamericana. She previously worked as an associate at Creel, García-Cuellar, Aiza y Enriquez. Alejandra earned an LLM in Transnational Law with specialization in International Human Rights Law and International Refugee Law at King's College London. She also earlier served as a Protection Assistant in UNHCR's México office for legal affairs and strategic litigation.



**Alex Ali Mendez**

Alex is Director of Litigation at Mexico Igualitario. Alex earned a Law degree from the Universidad Regional del Sureste A.C. in the State of Oaxaca (Mexico), and a Master of Law degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. As Director of Litigation at Mexico Igualitario A.C., he works on issues of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Since its founding, this organization has represented more than one hundred same-sex couples in Mexico to gain access to marriage in more than fifteen states in Mexico. Currently, Alex collaborates with more than ten civil society organizations to promote access to equal marriage for same-sex couples and the right to identity of trans people through amparo trials and litigation before the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation. He is also Litigation Coordinator for the Information Group on Elected Reproduction (GIRE), A.C. representing cases involving women's reproductive rights.



**Ana Montano**

Ana Montano is Founder and Executive Director of the LGBTI Justice Clinic/Asistencia Legal Para la Diversidad Sexual-El Salvador. She is a public interest and human rights lawyer. Her work focuses on political asylum applicants in the United States, for persecuted and foreign born LGBTI persons who are also living with HIV/AIDS. As an international social justice activist, she advances the civil rights of LGBTI Latin Americans by advocating for policy reform addressing hate crimes and their historical impunity. Human rights and community service is in Ana Montano's blood. As an immigrant who came of age within the dynamic social and political, Latino environment of San Francisco's Mission District, Ana affirmed her lifelong commitment to advocate for the under-represented. Through her legal and human rights work, she has effected constructive change in the lives of immigrants, the poor, persons living with HIV/AIDS, the elderly and the LGBT community both nationally and internationally.



**Andrés Mahnke**

Andrés Mahnke serves as the National Defender at La Defensoría Penal Pública in Chile. Andrés is a lawyer and has held various executive positions in the public policy world on topics such as justice reform and public management. He worked for ten years on one of the most successful judicial modernization projects in Chile, where he was, among other positions, the General Coordinator of the Judicial Reform Unit of the Ministry of Justice and the Executive Secretary of the Coordination Commission of Criminal Procedure Reform. Since 2015, he has been a National Defender of the Public Penal Defender of Chile and General Coordinator of the Inter-American Association of Public Defenders (AIDEF).





### **Andrés Nieto**

Andrés is a partner at Von Wobeser y Sierra S.C. with more than 15 years professional experience in Mexico, New York and Latin America. His clients appear in the Fortune 50 and Fortune 500, as well as the Dow Jones, NASDAQ, S&P 500, DAX and the Nikkei. He has a multidisciplinary practice, with an emphasis on cross border transactions, which includes experience in several of the principal transactions that have taken place in Mexico and the United States in the areas of banking and finance, securities, corporate, mergers and acquisitions, as well as in risk capital transactions, private capital, structured financing, project finance and arbitration. Currently, he advises many foreign companies in their most important and strategic operations in Mexico and Latin America. His clients include companies and regional and multinational financial institution in the United States, Canada, Germany, the European Community and Asia. He has advised clients in the development of legal strategies and solutions in relation to, among other areas, transnational acquisitions, financial operations and bank investments, incorporation of companies and associations and reorganizations. Representative work includes, advising during the bankruptcy process of Lehman Brothers, as well as the Government of Canada in the important investment it made in the financial rescue of Chrysler and General Motors. He was one of the lawyers that led the mandatory tender offer by which Anheuser-Busch InBev acquired the shares of Grupo Modelo, S.A.B. de C.V., worth 20.1 billion USD. Currently he is the partner in charge of the practices of banking, finance and mining law of the firm. He is an expert in the structuring of financial transactions related to the automotive industry.



### **Antonia Stolper**

Antonia is Shearman & Sterling's Latin America Regional Managing Partner and a member of Shearman & Sterling's Capital Markets-Americas practice group. Ms. Stolper's practice focuses primarily on corporate finance transactions in emerging markets. She has extensive registered public offering experience for foreign private issuers. Her practice focuses on debt and equity securities offerings for Latin American corporate and sovereign issuers, representing both underwriters and issuers, and on restructuring transactions in Latin America, representing issuers, dealer managers and creditors. In addition, she advises a number of Latin American issuers on their ongoing SEC reporting requirements and corporate governance matters. Ms. Stolper has also advised the Climate Bonds Initiative pro bono on establishing standards for financing the transition to a low carbon economy. Ms. Stolper is also Vice-Chair of the Cyrus R. Vance Center of the New York City Bar Association, promoting pro bono work by private lawyers in Latin America and working with lawyers throughout the region on promoting the status of women in the legal profession. Ms. Stolper is currently ranked Band 1 in Latin America-wide Capital Markets Chambers Latin America and Band 1 in Latin American Investment in Chambers Global. She was named one of the National Law Journal's Outstanding Women Lawyers in 2015 and selected by Latinvex in 2015 as among Latin America's top 50 female lawyers.



### **Astrid Puentes Riaño**

Astrid Puentes Riaño is one of two Co-Executive Directors of AIDA. She is responsible for AIDA's legal efforts and organizational management. Originally from Colombia, Astrid has worked for AIDA since 2003 and from AIDA's office at CEMDA in Mexico City since 2004. She has significant experience with public interest litigation, especially in the field of human rights and the environment. Astrid holds an LL.M. in Comparative Law from the University of Florida, a Masters in Environmental Law from the University of the Basque Country, and a J. D. from the Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia. Astrid has been a member of the Board of Directors of EarthRights International since 2014, and also sits on the board of International Rivers.





### **Carla Aguilar**

Carla is Executive Director for Fundacion Barra Mexicana. She has a law degree from the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM). In the year 2000, she joined the Manuel Gomez Morín organization, a legal aid law firm in the area of copyright law, and subsequently held the position of Litigation Coordinator. In 2001, she joined the association formally known as Association of Legal Services of the Mexican Bar Association of Lawyers AC as program coordinator. Today it's known as the Mexican Bar Foundation AC. In 2002 she received an honorable mention in connection with the National Prize of the Youth for her social work, the highest public service honor granted by the government to young Mexicans. Carla contributed to the book "Legal Studies in Tribute to Federico Garcia Sámamo" on the topic of access to justice. She has written articles for Mexican Bar Association Magazine, the World of Lawyers, among others, with issues related to access to justice and pro bono work in Mexico.

She is actively involved in fundraising projects and book equipment campaigns for prison libraries in Mexico City. Since September 2014, she has also held the position of General Director of the Mexican Bar Foundation, A.C.



### **Carlos del Río**

Carlos del Río S. is a partner with Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aíza y Enríquez, S.C. in Mexico City, where he specializes in a wide range of merger and acquisition-related matters, including cross-border transactions, real estate investments, mergers, spin-offs, divestitures, private equity transactions and joint ventures. Mr. del Río has actively represented various foreign companies and investors in the sale or acquisition of their interests and business assets in Mexico, and he also regularly handles corporate governance, financings and other related work. In addition, Mr. del Río offers advice in all aspects of corporate and business law relating to the incorporation, operation and maintenance of Mexican businesses of domestic and foreign clients operating in various sectors and industries within Mexico including by advising, tailoring and negotiating a wide array of civil and commercial contracts. Mr. del Río obtained his law degree (JD) from Universidad Anahuac in 1998 and obtained his LL.M degree from Northwestern University School of Law together with a Certificate in Business Administration from J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 2001. Mr. del Río worked as a Foreign Associate in the Latin American Practice Group of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in New York City from 2001 to 2002, as well as in the Mergers & Acquisitions practice group of Cuatrecasas in Madrid from 2003 to 2005. He re-joined Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aíza y Enríquez, S.C. in 2005. Mr. del Río regularly advises large multinational businesses in their investments in Mexico. He is the Mexican legal counsel of large international companies, including but not limited to Grupo Inveravante, INVISTA, B.V., Berry Plastics Corporation, Agrinos AS and Norsafe.



### **Carolina Contreras**

Carolina Contreras is Executive Director of Fundación Pro Bono. A Chilean lawyer, she studied at Diego Portales University. She is also the Executive Director of Pro Bono Chile Foundation, an organization that works for the equal access to justice for everyone. She has been involved in human rights since law school. She is a mentor of the program "Mujeres Acompañan Mujeres" of the organization "Democracia y Desarrollo" which supports women in leadership positions. She was selected for the International Visitor Leadership Program sponsored by the U.S Embassy in Chile. She is also a member of the Council of Graduates from the Diego Portales' Faculty of Law and the Chilean Bar Association A.G.





### **Cecilia Navarro**

Cecilia Navarro is Media Coordinator at the National University of Mexico (UNAM). She earned a B.A. in History and a B.A. in Journalism and Collective Communication, both at UNAM. She has worked as media coordinator at the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts from the Inter- American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) for the Ayotzinapa kidnapping case, and as communications director at Greenpeace México, A.C. She currently is working as media coordinator of the Environmental Agenda 2018, at UNAM, and as communications advisor with several NGOs.



### **Ciro Colombara**

Ciro Colombara is a partner at Rivadeneira, Colombara, Zegers, where he specializes in national and international complex litigation. He is also Director of Fundación Pro Bono Chile and a member of the Institutional Committee of the Pro Bono Network of the Americas. Ciro earned a degree from the Faculty of Law at the Catholic University of Chile, a postgraduate degree in criminology from the same institution, and a certificate in criminal procedure reform from the University Alberto Hurtado. He authored “The Crimes in the Abuses of Publicity Law” (1996) and coauthored “The Annotated Criminal Code and Concordat” (2007). Ciro is a member of the Bar Association of Chile.



### **Claudia de Buen Unna**

Claudia de Buen Unna is administrative director and partner at the Bufete de Buen, and Board Member of the Fundación Barra Mexicana. She earned a law degree from the Autonomous Metropolitan University (UAM) and a Masters in Family Law from the Legal Sciences Institute of Higher Studies. She previously served as a general attorney for the UAM. Claudia is private mediator for the Center for Alternative Justice of the Superior Court of Justice of Mexico City. Claudia also served as president of the Vision Fund Board of Directors, the financial arm of World Vision Mexico. She is a counselor of the Mexican Bar Association, A.C. and the Mexican Bar Foundation, A.C.



### **Constanza Alvial**

Constanza Alvial is Co- Coordinator of the Environment Program at Fundación Pro Bono Chile, and Co- Coordinator, of the Pro Bono Network of the Americas. She is a Chilean lawyer and Coordinator of Community Relations of Pro Bono Chile Foundation where she collaborates with civil society, public institutions and universities to enact social changes through pro bono work. She is a coordinator of the Pro Bono Network of the Americas, an initiative that promotes pro bono work among the members (19 in different countries of America), and strengthens the development of the legal pro bono in the continent. She is director of Yansa Foundation in Chile, works with indigenous people in renewable energy projects. She is director of InterpretaLab Foundation that puts together objective and clear information for migrants and sensitizes national society in to migration issues. She collaborates with the Global Aquaculture Alliance in aquaculture and environment topics.





### **Daniel Bonilla Maldonado**

Daniel Bonilla Maldonado is an associate professor and the director of public interest law group at the University of the Andes. He holds a doctorate and a masters in law from Yale Law School and a law degree from Universidad de los Andes. He has been a visiting professor and lecturer at a number of institutions, including Yale Law School, Fordham Law School, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, University of Texas School of Law, Georgia State University College of Law, University of Puerto Rico, and Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship and several awards for excellence in teaching. Among his most recent publications are Constitutionalism of the Global South (ed.) (Cambridge University Press: 2013); La función social de la propiedad en perspectiva comparada (ed.) (Eudeba: 2013) and Legal Clinics in the Global North and South: Between Equality and Subordination, 16 Yale Hum. Rts. & Dev. L.J. 176 (2013).



### **Denise Guillén Lara**

Denise Guillén Lara is Vice President of Legal and Integrity Division of Nielsen Latin America, where she is responsible for providing legal strategic advice for the company in different areas of law, including privacy and compliance, Denise is also leader of the regional integrity program acting as Integrity Leader. Prior to joining Nielsen, Denise directed and collaborated in the legal departments of companies such as GE International Mexico, Grupo CIE, Television Azteca and law firms as Basham Ringe y Correa. Denise is an Honorary Counselor of the Consultative Council of the Instituto Nacional de Acceso a la Información (INAI) for the period 2017 - 2019. In 2016 she was named Juror of the first “Premio de Innovación y Buenas Prácticas”, organized by the Instituto Nacional de Acceso a la Información (INAI). In 2014, Denise was named to the Corporate Counsel 100 Latin America, which is part of the Legal 500 Latin America Series, as one of the 100 in-house practitioners who have demonstrated to be the most influential and innovative practitioners across Latin America. Denise is member of IAPP (International Association of Privacy Professionals), BMA (Barra Mexicana de Abogados), ANADE (Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa), SCCE (The Society for Corporate Compliance and Ethics) and is a Board Member of AbogadasMX. Denise graduated in Law with honors from La Salle University in Mexico City. She has attended different post graduate programs such as Crisis Management and Business Continuity at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Management Program for Lawyers at Yale University, and Negotiation for Lawyers at Harvard Law School, among others courses.



### **Elba Gutiérrez**

Elba Bethel Gutiérrez is a pro bono associate at the international firm Greenberg Traurig. Elba focuses her practice on pro bono matters concerning civil and social rights. She advises and represents, through strategic litigation, clients whose human, civil and social rights have been violated. Elba has also participated in matters related to antitrust and corporate law. Elba earned her Law Degree from Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in 2016.



### **Gabriel Astarloa**

Gabriel Astorloa is the Attorney General of the City of Buenos Aires. He previously worked for 25 years as an attorney in the private sector, at the Allende & Brea Law Firm, Citibank, and as a partner at Brouchou Fernandez Madero & Lombardi. Six years ago he decided to commit himself to public interest, working as Legal Advisor to the Cabinet of Ministers of the City of Buenos Aires; General Director of the General Direction of Concessions from the Ministry of Economic Development, Government of the City of Buenos Aires. He has taught at the Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, and served as Director of the Bar Association of the City of Buenos Aires (Colegio de Abogados de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires), and he is the former Director of the Committee of Bank Lawyers of Argentina (Comité de Abogados de Bancos de la República Argentina). He is a Member of the Governing Committee of the “Fundación Compromiso”. He regularly lectures at conferences and symposiums.





### **Gerardo Bello**

Gerardo Bello is President of Fundación Pro Bono Venezuela (ProVene) the leading organization for the promotion of pro bono culture in Venezuela. Gerardo earned his law degree from the Andrés Bello Catholic University, and earned a Diploma in Hydrocarbons and Mining Law from the Monteávila University. Gerardo currently works as a lawyer in the areas of corporate law; energetic law; mergers and acquisitions; litigation and alternative dispute resolution; international arbitration; import and export law; franchises and human rights. Gerardo also serves on the Executive Committee of the Pro Bono Network of the Americas.



### **Gerardo Prado**

Gerardo Prado is a partner at the firm of Sánchez Devanny Gerardo and advises local and international clients in mergers and acquisitions, corporate and commercial matters, general compliance issues and energy projects. He has more than twenty-seven years of experience guiding foreign and local investors when setting-up, downsizing and restructuring operations in Mexico. In particular, he ensures that all legal matters impacting his clients' projects and operations are properly and timely considered, including but not limited to the corporate, commercial, real estate, tax and regulatory aspects of the project. Gerardo has developed a deep expertise in the automotive, steel, electronic, electric, retail and general manufacturing industries based on his work on multiple projects involving direct investment, joint ventures, acquisitions, reorganizations, divestitures and dissolution and liquidation processes. In addition, Gerardo regularly handles the overall supervision of projects involving contracting matters, formation of for profit and non-for profit corporations and associations, and divestment transactions. He has particular expertise in the energy sector in electricity and renewables, and is a member of the firm's Energy Task Force, a group that includes practitioners of different law practice areas who specialize in advising energy sector clients. Gerardo is certified advisor on the Mexican Electric Wholesale Market by the National Center for Energy Control ("CENACE"). Gerardo has been a professor of Commercial Companies Law, Arbitration and Introduction to the Study of Law at the Universidad Cervantina, at the Instituto de Ciencias Jurídicas (Institute of Legal Sciences) in Monterrey and at the Green Hills School. He was a member of the Foreign Lawyers Association Board at Georgetown University and Vice President of the Student Council at Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. Gerardo was the firm's managing partner between June 2010 and June 2014. He is fluent in English and Spanish.



### **Gonzalo Vayo**

Gonzalo Vayo is a partner at the firm of Carril, Colombres, Vayo & Zavalía Lagos, and President of the Pro Bono Commission of Buenos Aires. He earned a law degree from Buenos Aires University Law School. He is a professor of Labor Law at the Catholic University of Argentina, Economic and Social Sciences School, and in the Training Program for Lawyers, and also member of the Academic Committee of the FORES (Forum of Studies on the Administration of Justice). He was an assistant professor of Labor Law and Social Security in the Catholic University of Argentina, Law School and full professor in the Master of Management of Construction and Real Estate Companies of the Catholic University of Argentina.





### **Graeme Reid**

Graeme Reid is Director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program, and is an expert on LGBT rights. He has conducted research, taught and published extensively on gender, sexuality, LGBT issues, and HIV/AIDS. Before joining Human Rights Watch in 2011, Reid was the founding director of the Gay and Lesbian Archives of South Africa, a researcher at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research and a lecturer in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies at Yale University. An anthropologist by training, Reid received a master's degree from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and a PhD from the University of Amsterdam.



### **Gretchen Kuhner**

Gretchen Kuhner is Director of Instituto de las Mujeres en la Migración (IMUMI). She has a BA in International Relations with emphasis in women's studies at the Occidental College in Los Angeles, USA. She's a lawyer from the University of Seattle with studies from Migration Politics at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Gretchen has served as a consultant in migration and human trafficking topics for the Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Catholic Relief Services, Asociación de la Barra Mexicana de Abogados, Sin Fronteras I.A.P., Salud Integral para la Mujer AC, and El Colegio de la Frontera Norte. Since 1998, she has worked on migration topics in Mexico. Gretchen previously received a research grant from MacArthur Foundation to document migrant women's traveling through Mexico, evidencing the need to integrate migration and gender topics in a more complete manner. In 2010, she cofounded the Institute for Women in Migration (IMUMI), an organization that provides migrant women with resources and information unique to migrant communities.



### **Gustavo Maurino**

Gustavo Maurino is National Director of Access to Justice for the National Ministry of Justice of Argentina. Maurino has also served as the co-director of ACIJ and Coordinator of the legal clinic of public interest at Palermo University. He earned a law degree from the National University of Córdoba, and became a Damage Law Specialist at the University of Belgrano. Gustavo has taught at the University of Palermo, the University of Buenos Aires and the University of San Andrés. He co-founded and co-directs ACIJ (Civil Association for Equality and Justice), a non-governmental organization that defends disadvantaged groups. He is co-author of the book "Collective Actions, Conceptual, Constitutional, Procedural, Jurisprudential and Comparative Analysis", and various articles on constitutional law and social rights.



### **Hector A. Garza Cervera**

Hector Garza joined Ritch Mueller and has been a partner since 2015. He is the head of the Environmental and Social Impact practice group at the firm. The group counsels clients on environmental compliance, permitting and compliance matters; rule-making, project risk assessment and environmental aspects of mergers and acquisitions and real estate transactions. Hector is a pioneer in social impact assessment, indigenous peoples' rights, and free, prior, and informed consent in Mexico. Hector has a Law degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (2003), an Environment of Law Diploma from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (2004), a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science (2007), and a Human Rights Diploma from Escuela Libre de Derecho (2013).





### **Hunter T. Carter**

Hunter Thompson Carter is a veteran commercial attorney in New York and Washington, DC. He is a member of the bars of New York, Washington, DC and Virginia, as well as the US Supreme Court and numerous federal appellate and trial courts. Hunter also serves on the Cyrus Vance Center for International Justice Committee. He received his law and undergraduate degrees from the University of Virginia, and also studied at the University of Miami Law School and in the ancient university town of Angers, France. He was elected to the editorial boards of the University of Miami Law Review and the Virginia Journal of International Law. He is fluent in Spanish and French. Hunter is a vigorous advocate who has spearheaded complex and difficult cases involving aircraft leasing, commercial, corporate and D&O, e-discovery, intellectual property, internal investigation, media and entertainment, pharmaceutical distribution, and real estate. He is a trial attorney who is prepared to get right into court and try cases to conclusion if need be, having led litigation in federal and state trial courts, and to take appeals where necessary, but who is also at home in arbitration, mediation, and negotiation, domestically and internationally. He has represented clients in lobbying and defending investigations before the US Congress, and litigation and investigations by the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Hunter is particularly active in international work in Latin America. He was chair of the New York City Bar Association Committee on Inter-American Affairs, a member of the New York City Bar Council on International Affairs. Hunter writes a blog called Colombia Law & Business Post. He is a co-leader of the firm's Colombia Working Group. He is also an active leader of the profession in the field of attorney responsibility and legal ethics. He is a member of the New York State Bar Ethics Committee, has chaired the ethics committee of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association, and is the New York ethics partner for the firm's New York office.



### **Iván Chanis**

Iván Chanis Barahona is President of the Fundación Iguales, and also currently works as an international consultant for legal affairs related to human rights. Iván is an active member of Panamanian civil society, founder of new and innovative progressive social movements in the country. His organization, Fundación Iguales is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, respect and defense of Human Rights. Since 2015 he has been Commissioner to the American Bar Association, Commission on Law and Aging. He served as the Legal and Political Counselor of the Mission of Panama to the Organization of American States (OAS). He was Chair of the Working Group on Protection of the Human Rights of Older Persons, and led the final phase of drafting of the Inter-American Convention, the first international binding instrument to promote and protect the human rights of older persons, to a successful conclusion and signing. Mr. Chanis' academic background includes studies in Panama and the United States. He has an LL.M. from New York University (NYU). Ivan has practiced law since 2006 after graduating from the Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua, in Panama, obtaining a Law and Political Science Degree, magna cum laude. In addition to his law career, he has studied international relations and diplomacy, areas in which he has practiced and specialized.



### **Ivette Montero**

Ivette Montero is the Founder and General Director of Centro Mexicano Pro Bono as well as the director of the Foundation of the National Association of Corporate Lawyers in Mexico. Having obtained her law degree from Universidad La Salle, in Mexico City, she continued her education to graduate with a degree in International Business Law at Universidad Iberoamericana (UIA). She also holds a Certification in Negotiation from Harvard Law School. Before dedicating her life to legal pro bono, Ivette worked for 20 years as a General Counsel for international and national companies. She was the General Counsel for the Northern Region of Latin America at Becton Dickinson, Co., a global company that enables medical research. In 2007 she began her work as General Counsel of Sports World, the only wellness industry-related public company in LATAM. She is also Professor of International Treaties for law students at the Universidad Iberoamericana.





### **James Ritch**

James joined Ritch Mueller in 1992 and currently serves as Counsel to the firm. He was a partner of the firm from 1996 to 2011. James was a foreign associate at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York City. James has extensive experience in competition and antitrust, private equity, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions and a broad range of financing and capital markets transactions, including project finance, structured finance, cross-border secured and unsecured loans and debt and equity offerings. James has been consistently acknowledged as a leader in his areas of practice by publications such as Latin Lawyer, Chambers & Partners, Latin Finance and Euromoney and regularly participates as a speaker in international conferences such as the Latin American Corporate Governance Roundtable of the OECD and the International Bar Association. James also publishes regularly on social entrepreneurship, corporate governance, rights of indigenous peoples and other legal and business topics. James has also acted as an arbitrator in international arbitration proceedings administered by the Centro de Arbitraje de México (CAM). James is the co-founder of Neural Taller, a social enterprise engaged in legal, strategic and governance research, support and development of social entrepreneurship in Mexico (including incubation and acceleration of social entrepreneurship), and is a frequent collaborator of related initiatives with social entrepreneurs, and national and international organizations that work on the field of social entrepreneurship. He was admitted to practice law in Mexico in 1989. He graduated as a lawyer from the Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City and has a master's degree in international and comparative law (LL.M) from Duke University School of Law, where he also was a visiting scholar in 2012. James is the former chairman of the board of directors of Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental, A.C., a leading Mexican environmental defense non-profit organization and is a co-founder and former chairman of the board of directors of Conservación Humana, A.C., a Mexican non-profit organization that works with the indigenous cultures of Mexico.



### **José Antonio Jaramillo**

José Antonio Jaramillo is a real estate and commercial law partner at Lazo, De Romaña & CMB Abogados. José graduated from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (1997), and completed postgraduate studies in Comparative and Common Law at the Academy of American and International Law in Dallas, Texas (2006). He is a member of the Lima Bar Association, and previously was a partner at Berninzon, Loret de Mola, Benavides & Fernández Abogados. His areas of expertise are: Real Estate (Leading Lawyer), Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, Infrastructure Projects and Public Contracting. He is an alternate member (to Jorge Lazo) at the Board of Directors of the Alianza Pro Bono Perú. José is a board member of Insur S.A. (a credit insurance company related to Atradius) and a member of the Corporate Governance Committee of Procapitales.



### **José Ugaz**

José Carlos Ugaz is a partner at Benites, Forno & Ugaz Abogados, and former chair of the board of Transparency International. He is also a professor of law at Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. He became President of PROETICA, Transparency International's national chapter in Peru in 2002, then an Individual Member of Transparency International in 2008. Professor Ugaz was elected to the TI Board in 2011 and elected chair from 2014 to 2017. A lawyer by training, he served as Ad-Hoc State Attorney of Peru in several corruption cases. During the Fujimori- Montesinos affair (2000-2002), his office opened more than 200 cases against 1,500 members of the Fujimori network. Under his mandate, US\$205 million in assets were frozen abroad and US\$75 million were recovered. Professor Ugaz was a member of the UN Peace Keeping Mission and the UN Election Observers Mission for El Salvador, and from 2004-2006 served at the World Bank's Institutional Integrity Office, the World Bank's anti-corruption unit. Professor Ugaz studied Law at Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. Since 2017 is part of the Accountability Panel at Wildlife Justice Commission Author of "Caiga quien Caiga" experiences as State Attorney in the case Fujimori – Montesinos (July 2014).





### **Juan Francisco Torres Landa**

Juan Francisco Torres-Landa is a partner with the law firm of Hogan Lovells BSTL in Mexico City. He practices in the areas of corporate, foreign investment, energy/oil & gas, environmental, real estate, foreign trade, immigration and general contract law. Mr. Torres-Landa has been recognized as a leading attorney in his areas of practice in Mexico, designated by Latin Lawyer in 2004 as among the top 40 lawyers in Mexico under 40, and in 2006 by the recognized magazine of “Poder y Negocios” as one of the 13 more influential lawyers in all of Mexico. Mr. Torres-Landa received his basic Mexican legal degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico where he graduated in 1988, and received an LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School in 1990. Mr. Torres-Landa has been a corporate law professor at both the National Autonomous University of Mexico and the Universidad Iberoamericana, both in Mexico City. Mr. Torres-Landa is a member of the IBA, the Mexican Bar Association, was the Co-Chair of the Mexican Law Committee of the ABA. He has served as President of the Harvard Club of Mexico, and as Secretary of Mexican United Against Crime since 2005. He is also a member of the AIPN (Association of International Petroleum Negotiators). In 2014 he was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Fundación México en Harvard, A.C.

Mr. Torres-Landa has published several articles in law journals, and has participated in many seminars dealing with legal matters in Mexico. Finally, Mr. Torres-Landa is a devoted athlete, and specially enjoys running and competing in 5, 10 and 15 kilometers races and even in half and full marathons.



### **Juan José Serrano**

Juan José Serrano is managing partner at the firm of Larrea Serrano Siles Abogados. He earned a law degree from La Salle University in 1996, and has an MBA from the University of Birmingham (2002-2003) where he was a Chevening Scholarship (Sponsored by the UK Government) recipient. He studied postgraduate courses at the Pan-American University, specializing in both Labor Law and Business Law. He completed postgraduate studies in commercial law from Escuela Libre de Derecho in 2013. Juan worked for eight years in the public sector, most notably as Advisor to the Attorney General of Mexico City, and as legal coordinator of the Popular Insurance Plan, and as administrative coordinator for the Ministry of Federal Health. In the private sector, he served as Legal Manager of the pharmaceutical group Laboratorios Carnot and as deputy legal director of Grupo Empresarial Ángeles. Juan is a member of the Mexican Bar Association. He is currently President of the Board of Directors of the Mexican Bar Foundation A.C. He is also a member of the National Association of Lawyers of Mexico, A.C. and the American Bar Association. Juan is an associate professor in the area of titles and credit operations, at the Faculty of Law of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.



### **Juan Sebastián Peredo**

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### **Marcela Fajardo**

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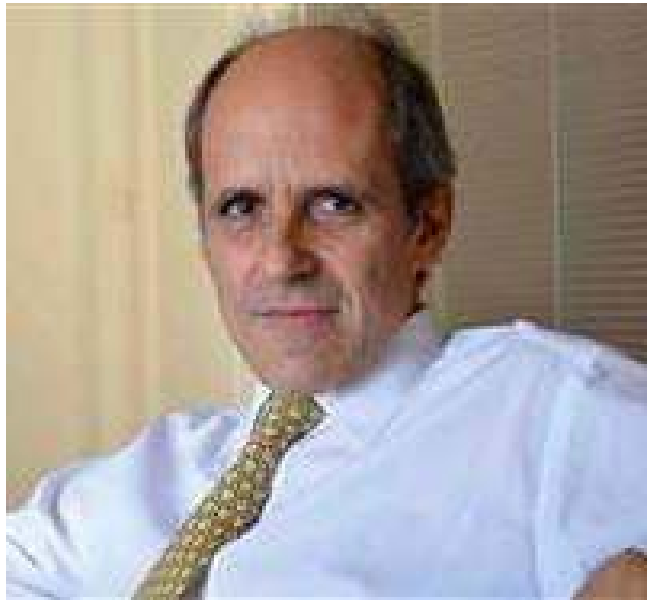
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### **Pedro Edmunds Paoa**

Pedro Edmunds Paoa is the Mayor of Easter Island and Ariki of the Rapa Nui People, a Member of the Council of Elders, and a leader of the Rapa Nui people recognized not just in their territory but also in the whole country. His family was always involved in public service, his father, Juan Edmunds Rapahango, also served as Mayor. At the age of 25, Pedro was selected to join the Council of Elders, and from this position he led the opposition of the Rapa Nui people against the construction of a hotel in Anakena. This opposition was because this place is an archeological and patrimonial area with significant importance to this ethnic group. In 1987, he participated in a sustained protest against the construction of a 20 meters high lighthouse in front of the Rano Kau volcano, a project that would have introduced pollution of light directly onto the Orongo village that is not just a Rapa Nui community, but is also a World Heritage site. As Mayor, he strives to educate his community on human rights. He has appeared before international courts and tribunals worldwide to represent his community on topics such as historical oppression and the restitution of lands and cultural symbols.



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