

Personal

Date of birth: 6 July 1940

Nationality: Colombian

International experience

- 1989 - 1993 Minister Plenipotentiary of the Colombian Mission to the Organization of American States.
- 1992 Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs at the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States.
- 1978 - 1988 Member and Chairman of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.
- 1975, 1979 and 1989 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Conferences on International Private Law in Panama (1975), and Montevideo (1979 and 1989).
- 1982 Alternate Judge to the Andean Court of Justice.

Judicial career

- 2001 - 2009 Magistrate to the Constitutional Court.
- 2002 President of the Constitutional Court.
- 1989 Vice-President of the Superior Council for the Administration of Justice.
- 1982 - 1989 President and Judge of the Disciplinary Court.
- 1977 Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Supreme Court of Justice (interim).
- 1970 - 1977 President of the Civil Court and Judge of the Superior Court of Bogotá.
- 1966 - 1970 Judge of the 7th and 2nd Courts of the Bogotá Civil Circuit.
- 1963 - 1965 Judge of the 12th Municipal Civil Court of Bogotá.
- 1963 - 1965 Judge of the Municipal Mixed Jurisdiction Court of La Calera 1963.

Professional experience

- 1963 Attorney, Banco de Comercio..
- 1993 - 1995 Consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank for Programs for the Administration of Justice.

1993 - 1995 Consultant to the Agency for International Development for Programs for the Administration of Justice.

1980 - 1982 and
1993 - 1999 Independent private practice as an Attorney at the national and international level.

Teaching experience

1995 - 2001 Dean of the Law School, Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia.

1996 Professor Emeritus and Honorary Professor, Universidad Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia.

1965 - present Chaired Professor for the subjects introduction to law, international public law and international private law, Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia.

Former professor at the following universities: Externado de Colombia, Los Andes, Javeriana, Libre, Gran Colombia, Santo Tomás, Sergio Arboleda, Academia Superior de Policía, and Universidad Militar for many subjects such as introduction to law, civil procedural law, general evidence theory, obligations, international public law, and international private law.

1990 Guest professor for the International Law course by the Inter-American Juridical Committee in Rfo de Janeiro.

1990 - 1993 Guest professor at several foreign universities, including the American University in Washington, D.C., Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, Universidad de Lima, Universidad de Honduras, United Nations University, etc.

Education

1958 - 1962 Doctor of Jurisprudence, Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia.

1960 Specialization in international law and diplomacy, Institute for Diplomatic and International Studies, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Bogotá, Colombia.

1967 and 1989 Certificate as an Auditor, The Hague Academy of International Law, External Programs in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Bogotá, Colombia.

1962 Specialization in Labor Law, Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.

1969 Degree in Rights of Minors, Universidad del Sagrado Corazón, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Publications and research

Legal works

Author of more than 30 legal works, including:

- *Ensayos sobre Teoría Constitucional y Derecho Internacional* (Essays on Constitutional Theory and International Law), Universidad del Rosario, 2007.
- *Derecho Internacional Público* (Public International Law), Editorial Temis, Fifth edition, 2002.
- *Desaparición Forzada de Personas* (Forced Disappearance of Persons), Ediciones Librería del Profesional, Bogotá, 2000.
- *Métodos Alternativos de Solución de Conflictos* (Alternative Methods for Conflict Resolution), Oxford, University Press, 1997.
- *Derecho de los Tratados* (Treaty Law), First edition, Editorial Temis, 1989, and Second edition Editorial Leyes, 1995.
- *El Sistema Interamericano* (The Inter-American System), Editorial Juricentro de San José Costa Rica, 1994.
- *Derecho de Menores* (Rights of Minors), Editorial Wilches, 1987.
- *Reforma del Sistema Interamericano* (Reform of the Inter-American System), Ediciones Universidad Javeriana, 1986.
- *Régimen Jurídico de la Extradición* (Legal System for Extradition), Editorial Temis, 1985.
- *Introducción al Derecho Internacional Laboral* (Introduction to International Labor Law), Universidad del Rosario, 1984.
- *Derechos Humanos* (Human Rights), Editorial Temis, 1980.
- *La Convención Americana sobre Derechos Humanos* (The American Convention on Human Rights), Organization of American States, 1980.
- *Estudio: Derechos y Deberes consagrados en la Convención Americana sobre Derechos Humanos* (Study: The Rights and Duties Consecrated in the American Convention on Human Rights), San José, Costa Rica, 1980 (various authors).

Articles

Revista del Rosario

- La Autoridad del los Tratados en sus Relaciones con el Derecho Interno, Primera Parte (The Authority of Treaties in their Relationships with Internal Law, First Part), numbers 493 and 494 (1973), pp. 43-60.
- La Autoridad del los Tratados en sus Relaciones con el Derecho Interno, Segunda Parte (The Authority of Treaties in Relationships with Internal Law, Second Part), numbers 495 to 496 (1973), pp. 65-78.

- La Noción del Derecho (The Notion of Law), number 469 (1965), pp. 51-61.
- Tratados Internacionales en Derecho Colombiano, Volumen Especial (International Treaties in Colombian Law, Special Volume) (1979), pp. 7-37.
- La Acción de Tutela y la Educación Desacato y Consecuencias Punitivas (Protecting Constitutional Rights and Failure to Education and Punitive Consequences), December 1995, Vol. 88, numbers 569 - 570, pp. 65-74.
- La Enseñanza de la Etica como Misión de las Facultades de Derecho (Teaching Ethics as a Mission of Law Schools), January-June, Vol. 89, numbers 571 - 572, pp. 58-73.

Revista Cancillería de San Carlos

- Perspectivas del Sistema Interamericano (Perspectives on the Inter-American System), no. 9, August 1991, pp. 41-55.
- Validez de la Intervención de Estados Unidos en Panamá, según el Derecho Internacional (Validity of the United States Intervention in Panama, according to International Law), no. 6, March 1991, pp. 43-50.
- Las Relaciones Internacionales en la Constitución Colombiana de 1991 (International Relations in the Colombian Constitution of 1991), no. 3, May 1992, pp. 7-17.
- Un Estado no puede ejercer Actos de Soberanía en otro Estado (A State Cannot Exercise Acts of Sovereignty in another State), no. 16, December 1992, pp. 20-25.

Revista de la Academia Colombiana de Jurisprudencia

- Colombia y Convenios de OIT (Colombia and ILO Conventions), numbers 218-129-220, July-December 1977.
- Salvaguardias Constitucionales en el Proceso Penal Interamericano (Constitutional Safeguards in the Inter-American Criminal Process), numbers 270-271-272, January-July 1986.
- Aborto (Abortion), numbers 230-231-232, July-December 1979.
- Está en Crisis el Principio de la Autonomía de la Voluntad? (Is the Principle of Independent Will in Crisis?), numbers 236-237-238, July-December 1980.
- Nuevo Derecho de Menores (New Rights of Minors), numbers 221-222-223, January-June 1978.
- Influencia de la Corte Internacional de Justicia en el Desarrollo del Derecho Internacional (The International Court of Justice's Influence on the Development of International Law), numbers 210-211, January-June 1976.
- Constitución de Estados Unidos de América y su Influencia en el Desarrollo Público (The Constitution of the United States of America and its Influence on Public Development), numbers 278-279, July-December 1987.
- Derechos Humanos y Democracia Representativa (Human Rights and Representative Democracy), numbers 227-228-229, January-June 1979.

- Litigio Colombo-Venezolano (Colombian-Venezuelan Litigation), numbers 240-241-242, January-June 1981.
- La Cultura de la muerte. Reflexiones sobre el drama de Colombia (The Culture of Death. Reflections on the Tragedy of Colombia), no. 310, November 1997, pp. 1-11.

The American University Law Review

- Rights and Duties Established by the American Convention on Human Rights, Volume 30, Autumn 1980, pp. 21-63.

Book studies in homage to outstanding international jurists

- *Homage to Werner Goldschmidt*, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas, 1997.
- Study on “*Eficacia Extraterritorial de las Sentencias y Laudos Arbitrales Extranjeros en el Sistema Interamericano*” (Extraterritorial Efficacy of Foreign Sentences and Arbitration Rulings in the Inter-American System), pp. 539-568.
- *Liber Amicorum in Homage to Héctor Gross Espiell*, 1997, Bruylant, Bruxelles. Study on “Los Derechos Humanos en la Constitución Colombiana de 1991” (Human Rights in the Colombian Constitution of 1991), volume 1, pp. 863 to 878.
- *El Derecho Internacional en un Mundo en Transformación: Liber Amicorum en Homenaje a Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga* (International Law in a World in Transformation: Liber Amicorum in Homage to Eduardo Jimenez de Arechaga), Fundación de Cultura Universitaria, Montevideo, Uruguay, 1994.
- Study on “*Solución de Controversias en el Sistema Interamericano*” (Resolving Controversies in the Inter-American System), volume II, pp. 1201-1227.
- *Derechos Humanos en las Américas. Libro Homenaje a Carlos A. Dunshee de Abranches* (Human Rights in the Americas. Book in Homage to Carlos A. Dunshee de Abranches), 1984.
- Study on “*Aplicación de la Convención Americana sobre Derechos Humanos en el Orden Jurídico Interno*” (Application of the American Convention on Human Rights in the Internal Juridical Order), pp. 135 to 145.
- *Ensayos Jurídicos, Liber Amicorum en Homenaje a Carlos Holguín Holguín* (Legal Essays: Liber Amicorum in Homage to Carlos Holguin Holguin), Ediciones Rosaristas, 1996.
- Estudio “*El Derecho Internacional en un Mundo en Transformación: Nuevos Desarrollos*” (Study “International Law in a World in Transformation: New Developments”), pages 377 to 406.
- *Libro Homenaje al profesor Carlos Holguín Holguín* (Homage to Professor Carlos Holguín Holguín), Introduction to the international law studies by Professor Carlos Holguín Holguín.

Membership in academic institutions

- Chairman and member of the Colombian Academy of Jurisprudence.
- Member of the Society for Comparative Legislation in Paris.
- Member of the American Society of International Law.
- Member of the Iberian-American Institute of Procedural Law
- Member of the Argentinean Academy of International Law.
- Senior Member of the Inter-American Bar Association.
- Founding member and former Vice President of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San José, Costa Rica.
- Member of the Iberian-American Association of Social Sciences.
- Member of the International Law Association.

Languages

Spanish

English
