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International legal and policy consultant with professional and academic experience in energy and extractive industries sector. Clients include governments, private corporations, international organizations, academia and NGOs. Demonstrated project management competence and partnership-building abilities. Excellent research, writing and presentation skills. Validated ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and with high-level officials. Extensive experience in capacity building projects. Fluent in English, Spanish, French, advanced in German. Regional experience: Africa, Europe, Southeast Asia and Latin America.

EDUCATION

Master in Energy Law (Fulbright Scholarship)
University of Texas at Austin, School of Law, 2009

Juris Doctor (JD) Degree
Catholic University of Ecuador, Law School, 2005

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Georgetown University, Georgetown Law, 2017 – present **Washington DC**
Adjunct Professor, *Emerging Regulatory Issues in International Oil & Gas and Energy Industries*

University Externado, School of Law, 2012 - present **Bogotá, Colombia**
Modular Professor, *Energy and Mining Law*

Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 2015 - present **Berlin, Germany**
Research Member of the Latin America Rule of Law Experts Group

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Counsel, Organizations of Petroleum Exported Countries, 2018-2020 **Vienna, Austria**

Editor, Climate Change Newsletter, 2017 **Washington, DC**
Co-Editor of the Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Ecosystems Committee, Section of Environment and Energy, American Bar Association.

Embassy of the United States in Ecuador, 2018 **Quito, Ecuador**
- Extractive industries advisor in Fiscal Transparency project, executed by Participación Ciudadana y CORDES.

International Senior Lawyers Program **New York, NY**
- Advisor of a Peruvian NGO fighting illegal palm plantations, to determine best legal strategy to achieve its goals.
- Facilitator in a training in Quito, Ecuador, for international NGOs, about strategy to face challenges coming from extractive industries projects.

Hydrocarbons Secretariat of the Republic of Ecuador, 2010-2011 **Quito, Ecuador**
- Management of the Hydrocarbons Secretariat creation process (new public agency to administer oil & gas contracts with private companies), including supervision of a multidisciplinary team of 80+ employees.
- Drafting of additional regulations for the implementation of the new legal model.
- Management of the relationship with stakeholders, including private companies.

UNDP/Ministry of Environment, 2016 **Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
- Coordinator of underlying research for the energy section drafting of the Cambodian Natural Resources Code.
- Established and facilitated relationships with strategic partners in Cambodia (international cooperation, other government agencies, private corporations, business associations and civil society), in support for data collection.

UNDP/Columbia Center of Sustainable Investment, 2017 **Dar El Salaam, Tanzania**
Trainer on negotiation of oil & gas contracts, within a multidisciplinary capacity-building project for the Government of Tanzania.

World Bank, Energy & Extractives Global Practice / Legal Vice Presidency, 2016 **Washington, DC**
Research advisor for the **African Mining Legislation Atlas** (AMLA) Guiding Template (an annotated document with a menu of legislative options for the drafting or revision of mining laws: www.a-mla.org).

- Knowledge contributor for innovative topics in mining (Neglected minerals: beneficiation, added value, and quarrying).
- Knowledge contributor to interdisciplinary consultations with high-level officials of the African Union, on operationalization of data into public policy and regulations.

Municipality of Quito, 2015-2017

Quito, Ecuador

Oversight management of the strategic modernization of the Real Estate Registry of Quito, including management of an interdisciplinary team made up of 12 legal, management, IT and human resources professionals.

Municipality of Quito, 2018.

- Legal expert in the development of a case study about the Subway Project in Quito, Ecuador.

Washington, DC

Center of Energy Studies, 2016- present

Quito, Ecuador

- Management of the Center's creation, including building strategic partnerships with academic, national and international NGOs and corporate entities, including the World Bank.
- Design and oversight of research project on Extractive Industries' interaction with climate change, in coordination with academia from US, Colombia and Mexico.
- Design and oversight of research project on government contracts in extractive industries.
- Coordination of civil society organizations to promote transparency processes in the extractive industries sector.

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo, 2015-2017

Quito, Ecuador

- Leader of the Extractive Industries Transparency (EITI) projects, which include the analysis of extractive industries contracts, legislation and data, as well as representing the organization in the CSO group formed to promote the inclusion of Ecuador in the EITI.
- Fundraising and establishment of international partnerships to promote the initiative.
- Representation of the initiative in international forums and intergovernmental bodies.

Constitutional Court of Ecuador, 2013-2014

Quito, Ecuador

Coordination of an interdisciplinary team of 8 consultants for the collection, organization and analysis of data generated by judges in constitutional cases.

EP Petroecuador, 2011

Quito, Ecuador

Consultant for drafting the regulatory framework for the natural gas sector of Ecuador.

Ministry of Public Transportation of Republic of Ecuador, 2014

Quito, Ecuador

Management of an interdisciplinary team (economic, technical and legal) of 5 consultants to determine the tariffs to be paid by oil ships using the ports of Ecuador, subsequently enacted by administrative regulation.

General Attorney Office of the Republic of Ecuador, 2014-2015

Quito, Ecuador

Energy law expert in an ICSID international investment arbitration case.

Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 2015-2018

Bogotá, Colombia

Research consultant on judicial independence, law & economics, and non-renewable resources (mining) in Latin America.

American Bar Association, 2016

Washington, D.C, US

Advisor for the review of the Natural Resources chapter of Sierra Leone's Constitution draft.

Cordes - Carta Económica, 2012 - present

Quito, Ecuador

Periodic contributor with articles on energy and extractive industries for monthly economic publication in Ecuador.

AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association, 2017

- Chair (appointed 2018-2019), Latin America and Caribe Committee, Section of International Law.
- Vice-chair of the International Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Section of International Law.
- Vicechair of the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Committee, Section of Environment and Energy.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, Spanish, French; advanced in German.