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EDUCATION

Masters degree in "Taiwan Studies" Cheng Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan.

Attorney at Law - Notary Public. Honduras Supreme Court. Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Law Degree. National University of Honduras (UNAH). Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Post Graduate Degree in Public and Private International Law. International Academy of Law. The Hague, Netherlands. 1984.

Training Courses and Seminars in International Law, Labor Law, Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, Foreign Trade, Women's Rights, Safety.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Exceptional negotiating skills to achieve creative and effective solutions to challenging and conflicting situations involving multiple actors, interests, and cultures. For example, participation as advisor and senior negotiator at international conventions, bilateral and multilateral agreements in various fields including technical cooperation and financial assistance programs for the government, loans, investments, trade and humanitarian aid.

Successful results in the promotion and marketing in Taiwan of Honduran products (i.e. beef, frozen seafood, tobacco products, and coffee). Certified (seal of origin) coffee has been especially promoted in Taiwan. Currently, as a result of our promotion efforts, Honduran coffee is highly regarded in Taiwan as one of the best coffees boosting the sales of this product. Participated in numerous fairs, missions, seminars, and negotiating tables assisting Honduran businessmen in widely promoting their products. These efforts were followed-up during all the stages and the final signing of favorable trade agreements.

Extensive experience in diplomacy and international relations, allowing for a wide range of relevant and significant contacts in Latin America, the United States of America, and particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

Advisor on the subject of Humanitarian Demining - Comprehensive Action against Antipersonnel Mines. Unit for the Promotion of Democracy. Organization of American States. Washington, D.C. March 1998 to September 2002.

CAREER DIPLOMAT

Has held various positions both within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, and abroad, among them:

Honduras Ambassador to Japan. 2010 to date.

Honduras Ambassador to the Republic of China (Taiwan). 2002 to 2010.

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Honduras to the Organization of American States. Washington, D.C. (September 1992 to February 1998).

Held the following positions at the **Permanent Council of the Organization of American States:**

- President of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States.
- Vice President of the Permanent Council.
- Chairperson of the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs.
- Chairperson of the Committee on the Environment.
- Vice President of the Work Group to Coordinate the Summit of the Americas in Bolivia.

Minister (Deputy Chief of Mission), Embassy of Honduras to the White House. Washington, D.C. 1992.

Alternate Representative Minister (1989-1992), Minister Counselor (1989), Counselor (1986). Permanent Mission of Honduras to the Organization of American States. Washington, D.C.

Representative of the Government of Honduras to the XIX Meeting of Governors of the Common Fund for Commodities. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. November 2007.

Alternate Delegate of Honduras to the Inter-American Commission for Women (CIM). Washington, D.C. (1986 to February 1998).

Chancellor's **Advisory Ambassador.** Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1986.

Deputy Director of Diplomatic Protocol. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1984.

Deputy Director of the Office of International Treaties. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1983.

OTTAWA PROCESS

Central American representative to the Preparatory Meeting of Experts for the text of the Convention to Ban Anti-Personnel Land Mines. Vienna, Austria. February 1997.

Head of the Honduran Delegation to the Brussels Conference on Landmines. Brussels, Belgium. July 1997.

Head of Delegation and Plenipotentiary of Honduras to the Diplomatic Conference on an International Total Ban on Anti-Personnel Land Mines. Oslo, Norway. September 1997.

Delegate of Honduras to the Ceremony of the Signing of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on their Destruction. Ottawa, Canada. December 1997.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Member of the Board of Governors of the Taipei European School. 2007 - 2010.

Visiting Professor teaching courses on Globalization, International Law and the Interamerican System at several universities in Taiwan.

Observer in the General Election process in Peru (April 1995) and Haiti (June 1995).

Integration Law professor at the Faculty of Law, National Autonomous University of Honduras.

General Coordinator of the Presidential Transfer of Power in Honduras (1994).

Member of the Presidential Transfer of Power Coordinating Group (1986,1990 and 1998).

Representative of Honduras to the Presidential Transfer of Power for President William Clinton. Washington, D.C. (1992 and 1997).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Decorated by the Armed Forces of Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, the Inter-American Defense Board, and the Organization of American States for supporting the demining efforts in the Americas.

LANGUAGES

Spanish and English