

## **Luis Fernando Macías Gómez**

Luis Fernando Macías Gómez is a Colombian lawyer, born in 1961. He graduated from the Universidad Externado de Colombia (1986), and then obtained a Masters in Political Philosophy from the University of Paris I: Panthéon-Sorbonne (1991), a Masters in Latin American Societies—political sciences option—from the Institute of Higher Latin American Studies at the University of Paris III (1991), and an Interactive Masters in Environmental Law from the Universidad de País Vasco (1999). Mr. Macías was a designated member of the Colombian Environmental Law Review Commission, created by Law 261 of 1996. He held the position of Secretary General ad-interim of the Ministry of Environment in 1996 and, prior to that (1994-1997), he served as the General Counsel of the same Ministry.

Mr. Macías has served as a law professor at the Universidad Externado de Colombia, Andes, Javeriana, Sergio Arboleda, Piloto, and Universidad Nacional de Medellín. He also has been a visiting professor at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and the Universidad Privada de Bolivia in La Paz. He is the author of an *Introduction to Environmental Law*, and co-author of the *Guide to Regional and Local Environmental Management*. Mr. Macías has published on environmental issues in books and national magazines and, in addition, he has written in French magazines on the Colombia judicial sector.

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