

## **JULIO JOSÉ ROJAS BÁEZ**

Julio José Rojas Báez is a Dominican lawyer with nearly twenty (20) years of professional experience balanced between an outstanding practice in law firms and as a commercial arbitrator of the Dispute Resolution Center of the Chamber of Commerce and Production of Santo Domingo, and public service in senior level positions in important state entities. He has a solid education in national and foreign universities. He is a graduate of Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, and has several master's degrees in the field of public law. He holds a Master's degree in International Legal Studies from American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., United States, obtained with the prestigious Fulbright scholarship, as well as a master's degree in State Administration Law from Universidad de Salamanca, Spain. His third master's degree is in Constitutional Law-Constitutional Justice Concentration, with a double degree from Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra and Universidad Castilla La Mancha, Spain. He is currently a candidate for a PhD in Law from Universidad Castilla La Mancha. He has a teaching career of more than 17 years. He is Professor of Public International Law, Constitutionalization of International Law and International Commercial Arbitration in several universities and other important centers of higher education in the Dominican Republic. He has also been a guest professor in a master's program at the Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina. He has published articles and collaborations in collective legal works on international law, constitutional law, international arbitration and international contracts in the Dominican Republic as well as in the United States, Spain and Colombia. His book, entitled "El Debido Proceso en el Bloque de Constitucionalidad Dominicana desde los Precedentes del Tribunal Constitucional" has been accepted by the Dominican legal community as an obligatory reference work on the subject.

In the areas of public law, especially Constitutional Law and Administrative Law, he has represented both private and state clients in administrative and jurisdictional processes and proceedings, including before the Supreme Court of Justice. He served as Legal Director of EDESUR Dominicana, S. A. for almost two years and then became the first person to hold the position of Secretary of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic for almost ten (10) years. He has worked as a Lawyer at the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights of the Organization of American States, within the framework of the "Rómulo Gallegos" scholarship-internship, being the first person from the Dominican Republic to receive it.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE DOMINICAN STATE, STATE-OWNED COMPANIES AND AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES**

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

February 2012 – July 2021 - Secretary of the Court

Led the Constitutional Court's Secretariat, including the Rapporteur Unit, the Decision Analysis Unit, and the Enforcement of Decisions Unit. Assisted the judges in all affairs pertinent to the judicial labor of the Constitutional Court. Supervised the selection and classification of the Constitutional Court's jurisprudence that is published in several repertoires and publications.

#### **EDESUR DOMINICANA, S. A.**

June 2010 – January 2012 - Legal Director

Head of the legal department and offered permanent legal counsel to the Board of Directors and the General Manager of the company in matters such as energy law, contracts, litigation, civil, administrative, and criminal proceedings, recovery of credit and arbitration. Defined legal strategies to follow by the

company on legal proceedings and litigation in several fields, both public and private, and headed negotiations regarding energy sales contract to large customers, as well as litigation settlements which involved the company.

**JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

December 2014 – present - Judicial Interpreter

Designated after passing a public opposition contest through Resolution 65/2014, dated December 8, 2014, issued by the Judicial Branch Council.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

October 2000 - August 2002 - Legal Assistant, Office of Legal Affairs

Drafted opinions and executive reports on child labor, union liberty, labor law, social security, and administrative law for the Legal Consultant, as well as contracts for the State Department of Labor.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR DISTRITO NACIONAL**

April 1999 - April 2000 - Legal Assistant

Prepared criminal indictments under the supervision of the Assistant Lawyer of the District Attorney. Aided the District Attorney for the criminal trial chamber and for the intellectual property department.

**PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**ROJAS BÁEZ ABOGADOS & CONSULTORES, S.R.L., Dominican Republic**

June 2021 – present - Founding Partner

He concentrates his professional practice in the areas of public law, private law and consulting in such areas. He advises in public law, constitutional law and administrative law to both public and private institutions, including consulting for the formulation of regulations or public policies and representation before the corresponding courts and jurisdictions in constitutional and administrative processes and procedures. He has extensive experience as an attorney in cassation proceedings before the Supreme Court of Justice and appellate proceedings before the Court of Appeals. He assists clients in institutional commercial arbitration and investment arbitration proceedings.

**PELLERANO & HERRERA, Dominican Republic**

February 2007 – June 2010 - Specialized Attorney

Participated and handled litigation and proceedings of constitutional, contentious administrative, tax, civil and commercial nature before several jurisdictions and administrative entities, including Cassation appeals before the Supreme Court of Justice, as well as proceedings before the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution. Drafted contracts and legal opinions on business law, tax law and regulated markets, such as social security and the stock market. Participated in the editorial team for the publication of “Legal Studies” and the “Economic Law” column in Diario Libre newspaper.

**CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PRODUCTION OF SANTO DOMINGO**, Dominican Republic

March 2009 – present – Arbitrator

Participates in tribunals that hear institutional arbitration proceedings before the Center for Dispute Resolution of the Chamber of Commerce and Production of Santo Domingo.

**MARTÍNEZ CARRASCO & ASOCIADOS**, Dominican Republic

June 2006 – January 2007 - Associate Attorney

Drafted sale agreements, as well as distribution and agency agreements, in English and Spanish; prepared legal opinions regarding administrative law, regulatory law, industrial property law, labor law and corporate reorganization for the firm's clients.

**DHIMES & MARRA**, Dominican Republic

December 2002 - June 2006 - Associate Attorney, Corporate Department

Worked under the supervision of the firm's partners. Drafted sale agreements, distribution, agency agreements, as well as employment agreements in English and Spanish. Prepared legal opinions on labor law, stock market, industrial property and foreign investment based on the Dominican law for clients of the corporate department.

**INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**INTERAMERICAN COMISION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**, Washington, D.C.

July 2004 – July 2005 - "Rómulo Gallegos" Fellow

Assisted and worked under the supervision of the attorneys in charge of Colombia, Cuba and Guatemala, and the organization of in loco visits of the Rapporteur for the Rights of Incarcerated People, in the drafting of decision regarding admissibility and the merits of petitions and general reports regarding human rights situations. Drafted legal opinions on the admissibility of new petitions under the American Convention on Human Rights and the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man.

**TEACHING AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**ESCUELA NACIONAL DE LA JUDICATURA**, Dominican Republic

July 2009 – present - Professor

Joined as professor after passing a public competition of opposition in occasion of Act 006/09 of the School's Board of Directors. Teaches specialized areas of international law on Human Rights and Constitutional Law to judges, public defenders, applicants for said position and judicial servers in general, in the courses of "Inter-American system of Human Rights", "Human Rights Law", "Constitutional Precedent" and "Constitutional Procedural Law". Is part of the juries that evaluate the thesis of judges that are candidates for a Masters of Law (LL.M) in Constitutional Justice Administration.

**PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA MADRE Y MAESTRA, Dominican Republic**

March 2007 – present - Professor

Teaches the subjects of “International Protection of Human Rights” and “Catalog of Fundamental Rights” in the Masters of Law (LL.M) in Constitutional Law. Teaches the subject “International Public Law” in the Bachelor of Law program, and “International Arbitration” and “Fundamental Principles of International Law” in the Masters of Law (LL.M) in International Relations. Teaches the subject “International Judicial Jurisdiction” in the Masters of Law (LL.M) on International Business and International Litigation, with double degree with Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, and “International Conventions” in the Masters of Law (LL.M) in Legal Practice.

**ESCUELA NACIONAL DEL MINISTERIO PÚBLICO, Dominican Republic**

February 2007 – present - Professor

Teaches subjects within the training programs for new prosecutors and in the programs for continuing legal training of prosecutors.

**UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic**

February 2005 – present - Professor

Teaches subjects within the Masters of Law (LL.M) programs in International Relations and Law; Constitutional Law and Constitutional Procedure; Administrative Procedural Law, and Criminal Law.

**UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA, Dominican Republic**

September 2005 – present - Professor

Teaches the subjects of “Introduction to Law 1” and “International Public Law” in the Bachelor of Law program, and “Constitutionalization of International Law” in the Masters of Law (LL.M) in Constitutional Law program. Advises the teams formed by students of the faculty of law that participate in several international moot court competitions on international law. Teaches the subject “Legal Business Environment” in the professional Masters in Business Administration (MBA) with double degree with the Florida International University.

**ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

Teacher, lecturer and facilitator in Public International Law and International Human Rights Law for lawyers, high ranking military and police officers, law students and journalists, in different Dominican universities, the Institute of Higher Studies for the Police, the National School of Electoral Training and Civil Status (EFEC) of the Central Electoral Board and the Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales (IGLOBAL). Has served as Judge of national and international rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2004-2020) and judge of the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition (2004-2020).

## **EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSIDAD DE CASTILLA LA MANCHA**, Albacete, Spain

Present - PhD in Law

Drafting of doctoral thesis titled “The normative value of decisions by the Interamerican Court of Human Rights in the Dominican legal system after decision TC/0256/14 of the Constitutional Court

**UNIVERSIDAD DE CASTILLA LA MANCHA**, Ciudad Real, Spain

January, 2016 - Masters of Law (LL.M) in Constitutional Law (Official Degree)

**PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA MADRE Y MAESTRA – UNIVERSIDAD DE CASTILLA LA MANCHA**, Albacete, Spain; and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

September, 2015 - Masters of Law (LL.M) in Constitutional Jurisdiction mention Constitutional Justice.

**UNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA**, Salamanca, Spain

January, 2011 - Masters of Law (LL.M) in State Administration Law.

**THE HAGUE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

March, 2008 - 35th External Programme

Attendance to the program “Movement of People and goods in the Caribbean”.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE**, Cape City, South Africa

October, 2005 - International Human Rights Academy

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW**, Washington, D.C.

May, 2004 - LL.M in International Legal Studies

Specializations: International Commercial Law and Public International Law.

Activities: Vice President, of the Association of LLM Students, fall 2003.

**UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE SANTO DOMINGO**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

April 2003 - Certification Diploma in Diplomacy, Law and International Relations.

**UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE SANTO DOMINGO**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

February 2002 - Bachelor of Law (J.D) cum laude

Thesis: The international responsibility of the Dominican State for violation of International Law of Human Rights (outstanding mention)

Voluntary Member of the program UASD-UNESCO for a Culture of Peace, Human Rights and Democracy.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**JAYCEES '72, INC.**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Recognized as “Outstanding Young Man of the Dominican Republic 2008”, 2009

**UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Recognition as Outstanding Professor (LLM in Constitutional Law), 2008

**THE HAGUE ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Full Scholarship to attend the 35th External Programme, 2008

**UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE**, Cape Town, South Africa  
Full Scholarship to attend the Human Rights Academy, 2005

**INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**, Washington, D.C.  
“Rómulo Gallegos” Fellowship, 2004

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW**, Washington, D.C.  
Human Rights Essay Award, 2009  
Human Rights Essay Award, second place and honorable mention, 2007  
Dean’s Fellow, 2004  
Outstanding LL.M. Student of the 2004 Class

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE**, Washington, D.C.  
J. William Fulbright Scholarship, 2003

**DOMINICAN SCOUTS ASSOCIATION**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Rover Scout (mayor national honor), 2000

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*“Due Process of Law within the Dominican Constitutionality Block arising from the Precedents of the Constitutional Court”*, Editora Manatí, Santo Domingo, 2020.

*“Expropriation under International Law of Human Rights applicable to the Dominican Republic”*, in *“The Organization of Power for Freedom. Liber Amicorum Milton Ray Guevara”* (Eduardo Jorge Prats, coordinator) Librería Jurídica Internacional, Santo Domingo, 2020.

*“Prohibition of propaganda in favor of War and the apology of hate as imperative rule under International Law”*, in *“The New Constitutionalism and the Constitutionalization of Society and the Law. Liber Amicorum Luigi Ferrajoli”* (Eduardo Jorge Prats and Roberto Medina Reyes, coordinators), Librería Jurídica Internacional, Santo Domingo, 2018.

*“The incorporation of conventional norms over Human Rights in the Dominican legal system”*, in *“Constitution, Constitutional Justice and Procedural Constitutional Law. Liber Amicorum Juan Manuel Pellerano Gómez”* (Eduardo Jorge Prats and Manuel Valerio, coordinators), Librería Jurídica Internacional, Santo Domingo, 2014.

*“Local and International Arbitration in Latin America: Current regulation and future tendencies”*, author of the chapter about the Dominican Republic (Carlos Esplugues Mota, Silvia Barona Vilar and Adriana Zapata de Arbelas, editors), Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2010.

*“The establishment of international liability for the State due to violation of the dispositions contained in the American Declaration of Rights and Duties of Man”*, in American University International Law Review, Vol. 25:1, 2009.

*“Law of international contracts in Latin America, Portugal and Spain”*, author of the chapter about the Dominican Republic (Carlos Esplugues Mota, editor), EDISOFER, 2008.

*“Opret and Sisalril: The recent practice of the Supreme Court of Justice regarding constitutional injunction”*, in Estudios Juridicos, Volume XIV, January-December 2008.

*“The Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights regarding Reparations and the criteria of the Draft Articles on the State’s liability for intentional illegal acts”*, in American University International Law Review, Vol. 23:1, 2007; and in Liber Amicorum: Essays in Honor of Dr. Luis R. Del Castillo Morales, 2008.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

APEC UNIVERSITY, Secretary of the Board of Directors, 2018-2020

DOMINICAN INSTITUTE OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, 2012

DOMINICAN ASSOCIATION OF EX WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW ALUMNI, 2006

DOMINICAN ASSOCIATION OF EX-FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS, 2005

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, 2003

BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 2002

#### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (native)

English (fluent)

French (fair)