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EDUCATION:

-1989 **B.A. IN LAW (J.D.)**
University of Costa Rica
-1997 **SPECIALIZATION COURSES**
Lund University and Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden
-2004 **M.A. IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**
State Distance University, Costa Rica.
-2007 **POST GRADUATE WORK IN HUMAN RIGHTS**
University of Chile, Santiago, Chile

WORK EXPERIENCE:

-1989-1993 **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.** Minister Odio Benítez.
National Chief of the Legal Department
National Chief of Attorneys
Member of the National Institute of Criminology
Duties: Personnel director, set policies, benefits, conflict negotiation design

1993 **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**
Office of the Human Rights Ombudsperson, Area of Women. Advisor
Duties: Monitor compliance with legal instruments concerning women

1993-2002
2007-2014 **OFFICE OF THE CITIZEN OMBUDSPERSON**
Director, Office of the Ombudsperson for Women
Duties: Monitoring lawfulness and justice to ensure application of the rights of women, and promotion and dissemination of rights.

2002-2006 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY** Director of Advisors. *Acción Ciudadana* political party
Duties: Drafting of and opinions on draft legislation, design of policy control and facilitation in social conflict

2013 **STATE OF THE NATION.** Researcher
Duties: Research on women's rights

2014-2018 **MINISTRY ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN** Administration of Solís Rivera
Minister on the Status of Women
Duties: To represent the State in international fora; member of the Council of Government

2012-2018 **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WOMEN (INAMU)**
Executive President
Duties: Design and oversight of public policy on discrimination and violence against women

2018-to present **OFFICE OF THE CITIZEN OMBUDSPERSON**

Director, Office of the Ombudsperson for Women

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1998 LA SALLE UNIVERSITY. Course on Human Rights in Corporations
2008-2016 UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA. Course on Family Law
2019-to present STATE DISTANCE UNIVERSITY. Course on the Inter-American System

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

2000 INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, **Coordinator**
2012 IBERO-AMERICAN FEDERATION OF OMBUDSPERSONS, **Coordinator**
REGIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN
2014-2016 INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN and MESECVI (OAS), **President**
2014-2016 HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN, UNITED NATIONS,
Advisor

OTHER:

2000-2018-Invited expert in national and international fora on women's rights, and on the drafting and impact of and lobbying for the adoption of legislation to combat harassment, Law on Responsible Paternity, Law against Violence.

2018-Named by the international non-governmental organization ***Apolitical*** as one of the 100 most influential people in gender policy around the world, *Gender Equality Top 100*

PUBLICATIONS

Journals and pamphlets:

- 1991-1992, 1992 and 1995. Coauthor of brochures on *Constitutional Jurisprudence on Prison Law*, and *Some theoretical and legal reflections on sexual harassment* Publication of the Office of Citizen Ombudsperson, and *Violence and Intimate Partner Violence*.
- 1996. *Who has parental authority (Patria Potestad) over "non-marital" children in Costa Rica?* IVSTITIA Journal No. 114-115, June-July
- 2000. Law to combat sexual harassment: Comments on the law, and an analysis from the standpoint of the principle of equality before the law. IVSTITIA Journal No. 159, March.
- 2000. Compilation of jurisprudence of the Office of the Ombudsperson for Women, Booklets of the Office of the Citizen Ombudsperson.
- 2002. The law as an instrument for the advancement of the status of women: An approach to the Law on Responsible Paternity, Legislative Assembly, *Revista Parlamentaria*, No. 3, Volume 10, December 2002.

Books:

- 2009-Coauthor of the book *The Invisible made Visible [Haciendo visible lo invisible]*. Compilation of cases of defense of women's rights
- 2010 Article: *El derecho de familia y los derechos humanos* [Family law and human rights], in the book *Family Law in Latin America [Derecho de Familia en Latinoamérica]*, published by Editorial Nuevo Enfoque Jurídico, Córdoba, Argentina.
- 2011. Law to combat sexual harassment in the workplace and the classroom. Commentary and annotated. Editorial Juritexto. 1st edition, San José, Costa Rica

- 2012. Article: Progressiveness and Family Law [*La progresividad y el Derecho de familia*], in the book *El derecho de Familia en Latinoamérica* [Family Law in Latin America], Editorial Nuevo Enfoque Jurídico, Argentina.