

Renzo M. Pomi

EDUCATION

University of the Republic: School of Law and Social Sciences – Montevideo, Uruguay

- Graduated with a Doctorate in Law and Social Sciences, 1985

Harvard Law School – Cambridge, MA

- LL.M., 1998
- Specialized in International Law and Human Rights

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Representative at the United Nations, **Amnesty International*** – New York, NY (2001-)

- Represented Amnesty International to the United Nations (UN) system and diplomatic missions to the UN
- Focused on matters of human rights, international law and justice, and peacekeeping and peace-building
- Represented Amnesty International at the Organization of American States on the strengthening of the Inter-American system

*Professor of Human Rights Advocacy & Research, **NYU*** – New York, NY (2014-)

- Taught graduate level coursework at the Center for Global Affairs, School of Continuing and Professional Studies in topics of human rights advocacy and research

*Team Leader, **ARS Progetti SRL*** – Rome, Italy (2006)

- Led an expert group evaluating a Multi-Year Programme on Human Rights and Democracy funded by the European Commission
- Coordinated an effort to evaluate six national programmes to promote human rights and civic participation (in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama) and two regional programmes (on armed forces and democracy on human rights and impunity)
- Compiled and drafted final report

*Consultant, **International Center for Transitional Justice*** – New York, NY (2001)

- Conducted research and drafted a paper on the establishment and work of the Peace Commission (*Comisión para la Paz*) in Uruguay

*Deputy Secretary of the Court, **Inter-American Court of Human Rights*** - San José, Costa Rica (1999-2001)

- Directed and represented the Secretariat during the absences of the Secretary
- Led the Legal Division, supervised a team of international lawyers and managed all aspects of the legal work on cases, provisional measures, and advisory opinions submitted to or requested by the Court, including the initial drafting of judgments and resolutions
- Extensive interaction with the inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights

*Consultant, **Commission on Historical Clarification*** - Guatemala City, Guatemala (1998)

- Consultant in the Paradigmatic Cases Unit
- Completed final drafts of particularly significant cases illustrating the findings of the Truth Commission
- These cases constituted a special annex to the report, *Guatemala: Memory of Silence*

*Foreign Service Officer/Diplomat, **Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, Montevideo, Uruguay (1998)*

- Served in the International Organizations Division
- Performed diplomatic functions in the United Nations Section, preparing for the 1998 UN General Assembly, presided over by Uruguay

*Political Officer, **UN Human Rights Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINIGUA)** (1994-1997)*

- Served in the Regional Offices of Quiché, Cobán and Guatemala City
- Coordinator of the Sub-Regional Offices of Izcán and Escuintla
- Supervised, trained and coordinated verification teams responsible for:
 1. The investigation of allegations of human rights and humanitarian law violations attributed to either party to the conflict
 2. Human rights capacity building for local authorities and civil society representatives
 3. Initiatives intended to strengthen the local institutions charged with the administration of justice (including training in human rights and justice issues for local police, judiciary, prosecutors and public defenders)

*Human Rights and Legal Officer, **United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL)** (1992-1994)*

- Served in the Regional Office of Chalatenango, Human Rights Division
- Received, analyzed, investigated and reported on allegations of human rights violations
- Developed human rights training materials and implemented projects aimed at training and strengthening local human rights and justice institutions (Human Rights Ombudsman's Office, judicial system, public prosecutor's and defender's offices, National Civil Police)
- Organized human rights education seminars with local and national institutions, non-governmental agencies, and local communities

*Foreign Service Officer/Diplomat, **Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs** – Montevideo, Uruguay (1989-1992)*

- Performed diplomatic functions in the International Organizations Division, the Human Rights Section and the Africa and Asia Departments
- Developed materials and conducted human rights training courses for national justice administration officials (police, penitentiary staff, judges and lawyers)

OTHER, EDUCATION CONT.

Inter-American Institute of Human Rights – San José, Costa Rica

- X Interdisciplinary Course in Human Rights, 1992

Fondazione di Ricerche e Studi Internazionali – Florence, Italy

- Specialization Course in International Relations, 1991

Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Artigas Institute of Foreign Service – Montevideo, Uruguay

- Formation Course for Diplomats, 1989
- Basic Course (I) for Diplomats, 1990
- Basic Course (II) for Diplomats, 1991

Artigas Professors' Institute – Montevideo, Uruguay

- Studies in World and Latin American History, 1987-1990