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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

He has a wide experience and outstanding trajectory in advising public and private institutions in different areas of Public Law, such as: Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Public Contracting, Public Works and Services Concessions, Bids, Oil and Gas Law, Mining Law, Immigration Law, Consumer Protection, Intellectual Property, Municipal Tax Law, permits, authorizations and regulatory matters.

In the public sector, he served as a rapporteur in the Political-Administrative Chamber of the former Supreme Court of Justice and in the First Court of Administrative Disputes. He was also founder and Director of Conciliation and Arbitration of the National Directorate of Copyright of Venezuela (1995-1996).

In the private sector, for more than 20 years, he practiced his professional activity in the area of Public Law at the International Law Firm "Baker & McKenzie", where he was a partner of the Contracts and Government Relations Department and member of the Public Law Group of the Latin American Region.

He has been coordinator and supervisor of legal audits on compliance with local regulatory and tax regulations. He has also specialized in providing legal advice on international arbitration matters. In recent years, he has reinforced his professional practice in advising various organizations on regulatory and compliance matters.

TEACHING ACTIVITY

- Professor of Administrative Law Practice at Universidad Católica Andrés Bello.
- Professor of courses and diploma courses on administrative contracts and other topics of Administrative Law at several universities in the country.

PUBLICATIONS

- (1998). La Potestad Revocatoria de la Administración [The Revocatory Power of the Administration]. Editorial Sherwood.
- (2000). La Regulación de los Hidrocarburos Gaseosos en Venezuela [The Regulation of Gaseous Hydrocarbons in Venezuela]. Asociación Venezolana de Procesadores de Gas (AVPG).
- (2000). Los límites a la discrecionalidad, la arbitrariedad y la razonabilidad de la Administración [Limits to the Administration's discretion, arbitrariness and reasonableness]. Ediciones Funeda.
- (2006). El Arbitraje en los Contratos de Interés Público a la luz de la Cláusula de Inmunidad de Jurisdicción prevista en el artículo 151 de la Constitución de 1999 [Arbitration in Public Interest Contracts in light of the Immunity from Jurisdiction Clause provided for in Article 151 of the 1999 Constitution]. Ediciones Funeda.
- (2019). La Ordenación Constitucional de la Actividad Petrolera en Venezuela [The Constitutional Regulation of Petroleum Activity in Venezuela]. Academia de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales. Editorial Jurídica Venezolana.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of the Editorial Board of the Revista de Derecho Público.
- Member of the Asociación Venezolana de Derecho Administrativo (AVEDA).
- Member of the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics (SCCE).
- Member of the Sociedad Venezolana de Compliance (SVC).
- Associate Member, with certification, of the World Compliance Association (WCA).

EDUCATION

- Law «Cum Laude»; Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (UCAB).
- Specialization in Administrative Law; Universidad Central de Venezuela.
- Specialization in Compliance; The George Washington University School of Business.

LANGUAGES

Spanish.English.