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Education:

Postgraduate studies on Gender, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, 1986-1987

Postgraduate Studies on Social and Economic Development, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina - Organization of American States, 1968

Masters in Law and Public Notary, Universidad de Costa Rica, 1964

Current Positions:

Senior Consultant: University for Peace, UN Mandated University, Costa Rica. International Relations and Conflict Resolution Department, 2014

Senior Consultant: Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, Heredia, Costa Rica. Department of International Relations, 2014

International Judicial Positions:

Judge, Trial Division, International Criminal Court, 2003 – 2012.

Second Vice-President, International Criminal Court, 2003-2006

Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, 1993-1998

Vice-President, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, 1993-1995

Governmental Positions in Costa Rica:

Second Vice-President of the Republic, 1998-2002

Minister of the Environment and Energy, 1998-2002

Minister of Justice, 1990-1994

Minister of Justice and Attorney General, 1978-1982

Ambassador, Permanent Representative before United Nations, Geneva, 1993

Ambassador, Head of Delegation, International Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993

**Odio and Associates, Law Firm, Senior Partner, Costa Rica:
1965- 1977 and 1982-1990**

Civil Law (Commercial, Labor and Family Law)

Academic Teaching Experience in Costa Rica:

Universidad de Costa Rica, Law School 1968-1992

Professor Emeritus, 1995

Full Professor, 1986

Teaching specialties:

- Introduction to Law
- History of Law
- Private Law
- Labor Law
- Family Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Social and Economic Organization of Costa Rica

Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica 1992-present

- Human Rights Master Seminar
- Human Rights
- Human Rights Law
- International Humanitarian Law

Numerous workshops, lectures and seminars for private and public institutions

Academic administrative experience:

Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Universidad de Costa Rica, 1988-1990

International academic experience:

Guest lecturer

American University, Washington, D. C. USA. International Humanitarian Law, 2013

University of Barcelona, Spain, International Public Law School, 1998

University of Leiden, Netherlands, Annie Romein/Verschoor, Honor Lectureship, 1998

Miguel de Cervantes, Military Academy and University of Zaragoza, Jaca, Spain, 1996

Utrecht University, Netherlands, International School of Law, 1995

René Cassin Institute, University of Strasbourg, France, 1986

Experience within the United Nations system:

Member of the Costa Rican National Group to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, 2000-present

President Working Group on Optional Protocol for the International Convention against Torture, 1998-2002

Member and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of University for Peace, UNESCO, 1999-2003

Member of the Administrative Tribunal of the Inter-American Development Bank, 1997-/1998

Special Rapporteur Sub/Commission on Discrimination and Intolerance based on Religion or Creed, 1983/1986

Member of the Sub-Commission for the Prevention of Discrimination and Minorities Protection, Human Rights Commission, 1980/1983

Memberships:

Board of Directors, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights

Board of Directors, International Commission of Jurists

Costa Rican Law Association

Steering Committee, Asser Institute, The Hague, Netherlands

Awards:

Honorary Doctorate Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica 2014

Chair Elizabeth Odio: International Relations Department, Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica

Honorary Doctorate St. Edward's University, USA 2004

Nomination, "1000 Peace Women for the Nobel Peace Prize", 2005

Prize, Women Groundbreakers in the First International Courts, Open Society Institute, 2007

Publications:

Perspectiva y mandato de género del Estatuto de Roma. To be publish by Judge Sylvia Steiner, Brazil 2015

Diez años después: Corte Penal Internacional su Primera Década. Revista IIDH, San José, Costa Rica, 2014

Development and Interpretation of Reparations Principles: The Case Law of the IACHR and its Possible Contributions to the Rome Statute in Protecting Humanity. Essays in International Law and Policy in Honour of Navanethem Pillay. Martinus Nijhoff. Netherlands: Leiden 2010

"Similitudes y Diferencias en los Procedimientos en el Tribunal Penal Internacional para la Antigua Yugoslavia y la Corte Penal Internacional", Revista Interamericana y Europea de Derechos Humanos, Volumen 2, No.1-2, 2009

"Prologue, Reparations for Victims of Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity", Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2009

"Sexual Violence as a War Crime", in *The New Challenges of Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2005

"The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia", *Journal of the Institute of Human Rights*, Costa Rica, 1997

"Justice for Peace. No to Impunity", *Proceedings of the Institute of Penal Studies*, Siracusa, Italy, 1997

"Human Rights and the University of Costa Rica", *Journal of the University of Costa Rica*, 1997

"On Rape and other Sexual Crimes Punished by International Humanitarian Law as War Crimes", in Fernando Volio, *Institute of Human Rights*, 1997

"The Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia", *Proceedings Miguel de Cervantes University of Zaragoza*, Spain, 1996

"Protection for the Human Rights of Women", *Institute of Human Rights, CLADEM*, 1996

"The Elimination of all forms of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion or Creed". Official Publication of the United Nations in all its official languages, New York, 1989.

"The United Nation's System of Protection of Human Rights", Strasbourg, France, 1986

"The Principle of No- Discrimination in Education", *Journal of the Institute of Human Rights*, Costa Rica, 1986

"Marriage and the Law: Needed Reforms", *Legal Journal of Costa Rica*, No.33, 1985

"The Principle of No- Discrimination: The Case of Women", *Journal of the Institute of Human Rights*, Costa Rica, 1985

"United Nations Declaration for the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion or Creed: Applicable and effective implementation"; *Judicial Journal*, Costa Rica, 1985

"Corporal Punishment and the Correctional System", *Judicial Journal of Costa Rica*, 1981

"Public Servants and Legal Regulations", *Attorney General's Office Journal*, No.12, 1979.

"*Collective Conventions of Labor Movements in Costa Rica*", Journal of Legal Sciences, Faculty of Law, No.35, 1978

"*De Facto Families*", Legal Journal, Costa Rican Supreme Court, No. 8. 1978

"*Labor Jurisprudence in the Appellate Chamber from 1971- 1975*", University of Costa Rica, No. 33, 1976.

"*Population and the Role of Law in Costa Rica*", Law and Population Program, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 1974

"*Law and the Costa Rican Population*", Faculty of Law Review, University of Costa Rica, 1973

"*Bankruptcy Agreements*", University of Costa Rica Legal Journal, No. 6, 1965

Author of numerous articles on political and social issues published in several Costa Rican newspapers and specialized journals and magazines throughout the last 25 years.

Languages:

- Spanish Maternal Tongue
- English (speak: excellent read and write)
- French (passive)