

MARCELA**DUQUE PENAGOS**

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EXPERIENCE**Focus**

- Human Rights
- Public International Law
- Criminal Law

Industries

- Government
- Project Development
- Academic Research
- Business and Human Rights

Admissions

- Republic of Colombia

Rankings and Distinctions

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar - Columbia University

Education

- Abogada (JD Equivalent), Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia.
- LLM, Columbia University, U.S.

Languages

- English
- Spanish
- French (basic)

Work History*Current:*

- Disan LLP, International Counsel.

Previous:

- Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Washington DC.
- Humanismo & Legalidad, Mexico City.
- Glorious, Arusha, Tanzania.
- Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment, New York, NY.
- Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia.

Public International Law and Human Rights

- Developed and structured public policies regarding human rights and transitional justice.
- Represented the Colombian Government before the Inter-American System on matters related to forced disappearance and infringement to integrity.
- Advised and provided training to national and multinational enterprises on business and human rights.
- Advised Government entities on a State and Federal level on implementing international human rights standards - particularly human rights policies and transitional justice mechanisms.
- Evaluated the admissibility of petitions filed before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights.
- Elaborated legal memorandums and drafted legal responses to the OCDE on matters of transparency and anti-bribery in Colombia, as part of Colombia's entry process to the organization.
- Participated in the implementation of the Justice and Peace Law on the penitentiary level.
- As part of the Ministry of Justice, advised and participated in Technical Committees related to the demobilization of paramilitary groups in Colombia and their reinsertion to society.

Research and Project Development

- Conducted research at the Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment regarding the possibility of including clauses containing community development agreements in Bilateral Investment Treaties.
- Manages and developed sustainable projects in Tanzania. In particular, projects related to education, sexual and reproductive rights for young women and empowerment through microfinance initiatives.
- Advised NGOs in project development to obtain international funds from private and public sources.
- Created legal opinions and papers on diverse topics of Criminal Law for international conferences.
- Created legal opinions regarding Bills that intended to modify the Criminal Code in Colombia.

Pro Bono

- Represented pro bono clients before the accusatory system in matters related to family violence and personal integrity.
- Represented pro bono clients on administrative matters - State Responsibility.