

ICC Judicial Nomination – Model curriculum vitae

FAMILY NAME:	PERALTA DISTÉFANO	
FIRST NAME:	Ariela	
MIDDLE NAME:	(None)	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	July 20, 1962	
NATIONALITY:	Uruguayan	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	GRULAC	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	Italian	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Spanish	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Basic	(oral) Basic
- OTHERS	Portuguese : (written) Basic	(oral) Basic
	Italian : (written) Basic	(oral) Basic
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> - Please copy/paste if more entries are needed		
08/2004 - 06/2005		
- <i>Institution:</i>	American University, Washington Collegue of Law, Washington D.C., U.S.	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	LL.M Master of Law in International Legal Studies with a focus in International protection of human rights Studies	
03/1983 - 05/1990		
- <i>Institution:</i>	Universidad de la República, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales (Law School), Montevideo, Uruguay	
- <i>Qualification(s) obtained:</i>	Public Notary (Escribana Pública)	
03/1980 - 05/1987		
- <i>Institution:</i>	Universidad de la República, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales (Law School), Montevideo, Uruguay	

- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Juris Doctor (Abogada)

03/1980 - 06/1985

- *Institution:* Universidad de la República, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales (Law School), Montevideo, Uruguay
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Procurator (Procuradora)

MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY

- *Institution:*
- *Qualification(s) obtained:*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)*
 - *Please copy/paste if more entries are needed*
 - *Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate*

06/2012 - 06/2017

- *Employer:* National Institution of Human Rights and Ombudsman (INDDHH), Uruguay
- *Post title:* Member of the Board of Directors
- *Other information:* The National Institution of Human Rights and Ombudsman created by law in 2008 constituted of five members elected by Congress majority, May 2012. It was established in June 22nd, 2012, in accordance with the Paris Principles, making it an independent and autonomous body of Government while handling its tasks and decisions. Created with a broad mandate, the NIHR helps the community in its dealings with government agencies, handles complaints against government agencies from the public, undertakes investigations and inspections (providing recommendations), provides advice and guidance to Government agencies, offers training to state sector agencies, conducts outreach activities and speaking engagements, works closely with international counterparts, oversees the compliance of international legal framework at the domestic level, implements observation and recommendation of the treaty-based bodies and special procedures of the Human Rights Council.
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06/2016 - 06/2017

- *Employer:* National Institution of Human Rights and Ombudsman (INDDHH), Uruguay
- *Post title:* President
- *Other information:* The duties of the President of the INDDHH include: representing the INDDHH, convening the ordinary sessions of the Board of Directors and extraordinary sessions of the INDDHH, implementing the decisions of the INDDHH, among others.

02/2006 - 06/2012

- *Employer:* Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), Washinton D.C., U.S.
- *Post title:* Deputy Director
- *Other information:* - As second in command, the Deputy Director oversees all of CEJIL's areas of work. As advisor to the Executive Director, worked in tandem on deciding which cases to bring to the Inter-American Commission and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights by a strategic litigation to

seek reparations, and policy and/or legal reforms.

- The objective sought is the repair, and the impact on public and / or legal policy reforms to contribute to structural changes and to prevent future violations. CEJIL develops multiple interventions with government officials, political organs of the OAS, the IACHR and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, advocating for greater transparency, dialogue, accessibility and effectiveness in protecting human rights in the hemisphere. In this way, it influences the strengthening of the IAHRs, as a tool to defend the human rights of thousands of people throughout the continent. The Deputy Executive Director led most of the litigation in this area.

08/2006 - 06/2012

- *Employer:* Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), Washington D.C., U.S.
- *Post title:* Program Director for the Andean, North America and the Caribbean Region
- *Other information:* Leadership of strategic litigation in the region before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

07/2005 - 02/2012

- *Employer:* Office of the United Nation development Program, Montevideo, Uruguay
- *Post title:* National Consultant on Human Rights and Legislative Policy
- *Other information:* Instructor to help develop the knowledge of parliamentarians on the human rights treaties and create parliamentary expertise in this field, evaluating and editing of materials and studies on legislative harmonization.

2004

Employer: Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)

Post title: Programmer Officer for the Americas, Geneva, Switzerland

Other information: Promoting OPCAT ratification and implementation in all regions of the world, including Latin America.

1994-2004

Employer: Service of Peace and Justice-Uruguay (SERPAJ-UY) NGO

Post title: Director of Civil and Political Rights Department

Other information: Litigation of national cases on human rights violations. Reports to the State agencies and UN human rights bodies; monitoring visits and reports to detention centers, drafting and/or reviewing of the Annual Human Rights Report.

1998-2002

Employer: Service of Peace and Justice-Latin America (SERPAJ-AL)

Post title: Executive Secretary

Other information: SERPAJ: Strategic planning and supervision for all offices in Latin America, working with Adolfo Perez Esquivel. SERPAJ Latin America Latina has consultative status with the UN in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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2016/Present

- *Activity:* Strategic Advisor of the Strategic Plan of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights 2017 – 2020

2015/Present

- *Activity:* Member of the Academic Board of the International School of Public Policies on Human Rights-Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights of Mercosur

2014/Present

- *Activity:* Academic Director, Post Graduate Degree: “Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law” (Diplomado Superior, Derechos Humanos, Democracia, y Estado de Derecho), Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Uruguay

2014/Present

- *Activity:* Member of the Latin America Network, The Auschwitz for Peace and Reconciliation

2014/Present

- *Activity:* Strategic Advisor of the Campaign for gender parity in international representation

2013/Present

- *Activity:* Mandela Dialogues on Memory Work, “Opinion Leaders” and “Change Agents” from eleven countries participated; South Africa, The Balkan States of Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Cambodia, Kenya, Canada, Nigeria, Argentina and Uruguay. Organized by the Global Leadership Academy (GIZ) and Nelson Mandela Foundation

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

“Economic Complicity and Uruguayan Law” (co-authored) in *El negocio del Terrorismo de Estado. Los Cómplices Económicos de la Dictadura Uruguaya*. Bohoslavsky, J. P. (Coordinator). Editorial Sudamericana Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay (2016).

“Human Rights and Politics in the Electoral Cycle” in *Políticas en Tiempos de Mujica III a un Año de las Elecciones Nacionales*. Political Sciencs Institute of the Scholl of Political Sciencs. Estuario Editoras, Montevideo, Uruguay (2014).

“Contributions to an Anti-Torture Policy in Uruguay” (co-authored) in *Próximos Pasos Hacia una Política Penitenciaria de Derechos Humanos en Uruguay. Ensayos de Seguimiento a las Recomendaciones de 2009 y 2012 de la Relatoría de Naciones Unidas contra la Tortura*. Washington College of Law, American University, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Anti-Torture Initiative. Washington D.C. (2014).

“The Inter-American Corte Ruling on Gelman vs Uruguay Case” (co-authored) in *Derechos Humanos en el Uruguay. Informe 2011*; Montevideo, Uruguay; SERPAJ (2011).

“The Gelman Case and the Challenges of the Law of Caducidad” in *Luchas contra la Impunidad. Uruguay 1985-2011*; Ediciones Trilce, Montevideo, Uruguay, septiembre (2011).

Promoting Safeguards through Detention Visits” Human Rights Brief Volume 18, Issue 4, Spring 2011, Special Edition, Washington D.C., U.S., 2011.

Torture in International Law-A guide to Jurisprudence (Reviewer). Editorial APT & CEJIL, Geneva, Switzerland (2008).

Truth, Justice & Reparation. The Rights of the Victims in the Justice and Peace Process, with a Focus on the Female Victims and Medellín. Report from a Mission in Colombia (co-authored). Swedish Foundation for Human Rights (2007).

Historical Investigation of enforced disappearances in compliance with Article 4, Law N. 15.848, Solicited by the Presidency of Uruguay (co-authored). Rico, A. (Coordinator), Montevideo, Uruguay (2007).

“Human Rights Standards regarding Justice (No Impunity and Proportionality)” in Desaparición forzada, política criminal y procesos restaurativos. Dilemas y desafíos de la verdad, la justicia y la reparación en el contexto colombiano, Fundación Social & al., Bogotá, Colombia (2006).

Studies on Legislative Harmonization in Accordance with the Human Rights Treaties Ratified by Uruguay and Other Legal Entities with Binding Force (Manuscript Evaluator). Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Development Program, Montevideo, Uruguay (2006).

Monitoring Places of Detention: A Practical Guide (Spanish Proof Reader). Association for the Prevention of Torture, Geneva, Switzerland (2004).

“The Experience of Uruguay” in International Seminar: Truth Commissions. Publication Post Conference, Comisión Mexicana de Derechos Humanos, Distrito Federal & Association for the Prevention of Torture.

MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

“Ratification and implementation of the Human Rights Treaties at the domestic level, challenges and opportunities”. Regional seminar for members of Human Rights Parliament’s Commissions organized by Regional Office for South America of the HCHR and the School of Government of the Uruguayan Congress, Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, April, 2017.

Conference on fight against impunity of complex crimes. Experiences of the International Criminal Court and Argentina” [Original Title: “Conferencia sobre la lucha contra la impunidad de crímenes complejos. Experiencias de la Corte Penal Internacional y de Argentina”], Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto de la República Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina, April, 2017.

“Hannah Ardent Legacy” [Original Title: “El pensamiento de Hannah Arendt”], at the Public National Library, Montevideo, Uruguay, March 30, 2017.

Seminar of the Judicial System created by the Rome Estatute of the International Criminal Court” [Original Title: “Seminario sobre el Sistema de Justicia creado por el Estatuto de Roma de la Corte Penal Internacional”], organized by the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights de la República Argentina y Parlamentarians for Global Action (PGA), House of Representatives of Argentina, Buenos Aires, December 2016.

“Towards Gender Parity in International Representation” [Original Title: “Hacia la Paridad de Género en la Representación Internacional”], XIII Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Montevideo, Uruguay, October 27, 2016.

Parliamentary Seminar: Supporting the International Criminal Court. Say no to impunity of international crimes and yes for the victims redress” [Original Title: “Seminario Parlamentario: Apoyo a la Corte Penal Internacional: dile No a la impunidad de los crímenes internacionales y Sí a la reparación para las víctimas”], organized by the Senate of Uruguay, Parlamentarians for Global Action (PGA), Montevideo, Uruguay, September, 2016.

“The United Nations Human Rights System and Inter-American Human Rights System”. Scholl of General Prosecutor of the Nation. Montevideo, Uruguay, October 27, 2016.

“An Agenda to prevent challenges and how to make connections that articulate Inter-Institutional Efforts”, Latin

American Network Program of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, organized in collaboration with the Universidad Externado de Colombia and the United Nations Office of Prevention and The Responsibility of Protect, Bogota, Colombia, September 14-17, 2016.

“United Nations Nelson Mandela Rules”, Introducing the New International Rules of Human Rights and Prisons. Congress of Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay, June 23, 2016.

“Atrocities and Human Rights Violations in Latin America in the 1970s and 1980s”, Texas Christian University. Discovering Global Citizenship, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S., March 2016.

“Dialogue on Human Rights Public Institutions in the MERCOSUR” Roundtable organized by Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights of Mercosur and the Embassy of Brazil in Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 25, 2016.

“Possibilities of the Ombudsman’s Offices to Advance in the Implementation of the Decisions of the Inter-American System: The Uruguayan Experience” Seminar, Center for Justice and International Law, San José de Costa Rica, Costa Rica, November 24-25, 2014.

“A Life Free of Violence. Does an Integral Law Contribute to the Enjoyment of That Right?”, Course Taught for the Seminar “Género y Autonomía: El ejercicio de los Derechos”, Montevideo, Uruguay, December, 2013.

“Promoting Safeguards through Detention Visits”, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington D.C., U.S., 2011.

“The Relationship of the European Union and the Regional Mechanisms of Human Rights”. 12th Non-Governmental Human Rights Organizations Forum of the European Union, Brussels, Belgium, July, 2010.

“The Gelman vs. Uruguay Trial” Memoria, Justicia, Reparation Workshop. Organized by the Psychology School and the Association of Former Political Prisoners (Asociación de ex presos y presas políticos del Uruguay (CRYSOL) and the Association “Where are they?-France” (¿Dónde están?-Francia), Montevideo, Uruguay, June, 2010.

“Four “case studies” of the Inter-American System to promote the gender litigation in Africa”, organized by INTERIGHTS, Dar es-Salam, Tanzania, 2010.

“Justice, Truth and Reparation” in Seminar: Justice, Truth and Reparation in Enforced Disappearances’ cases. Comparative experiences. Universidad del Rosario, Fundación Social & otros, Bogotá, Colombia, September, 2006.

Final Report “Law, Justice and Peace”, presented at the Special Committee, Congress of Sweden, Stockholm, July, 2005.

“Women’ Rights: Empowering International Promotion and Protection”. Inter- American Institute of Human Rights and Center for Justice and International Law, presented at the Department of Education and Culture, Montevideo, Uruguay, March, 2005.

“The Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment: A Manual for Prevention.” Publication edited by the Inter American Institute of Human Rights and the Association for the Prevention of Torture. Co-sponsored by Amnesty International, New York, U.S., October, 2004.

“The Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment: A Manual for Prevention.” Publication edited by the Inter American Institute of Human Rights and the Association for the Prevention of Torture. Co-sponsored by Washington College of Law, Academy of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Launched at the Washington College of Law, U.S., October, 2004.

“Guidelines to Monitoring Places of Detention in Leaders in the Prevention of Torture”, within the framework of the III General Assembly of the Network of Human Rights National Institutions in the Americas. Co-sponsored by the Association for the Prevention of Torture and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Buenos

Aires, Argentina, June, 2004.

“Impunity and the International Criminal Court”. Uruguay Amnesty-Uruguay Section, Montevideo, Uruguay, October, 2003.

“Consequences of the Impunity in Uruguay”, Social Forum, Montevideo, Uruguay, November, 2002.

“Moral and Material Reparation to Victims of Gross Violations of Human Rights”, in Seminario: Diálogo para la Vida en Democracia: Relaciones entre las Fuerzas Armadas y la Sociedad Civil Paraguaya. Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Asunción, Paraguay, September, 2002.

“The Case of Uruguay” in International seminar: Memory and Truth Commissions. Torture, Reparation and Prevention. Comisión Mexicana de Derechos Humanos, Distrito Federal, and the Association for the Prevention of Torture & al., México D.F., México, July, 2002.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

Latin America Network for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities Prevention

The Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation 2014-Present

The Nelson Mandela Foundation 2013-Present

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship, Fulbright Commission 2004-Present

Latin America Peace and Justice Service (Servicio de Paz y Justicia- América Latina) 1997-Present

National Association of Notaries (Asociación de Escribanos del Uruguay) 1990-Present

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Fellowship, Hubert H. Humphrey-Fulbright, administered by the Institute of International Education in collaboration with a network of U.S. Universities, American University, Washington College of Law Washington D.C., U.S. Granted competitively to professional candidates who show commitment to public service in both the public and private sectors. Designed to meet the growing demand for lawyers trained in global legal issues
2004

Fellowship, Center for Justice and International Law in Washington D.C., U.S.

Awarded based on written report on the theoretical and technical knowledge on Women’s Rights, Sponsored by CEJIL and Inter-American Institute of Human Rights
2002

Fellowship, Geneva Training Course 2000, International Human Rights Law and Diplomacy, International Service of Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, 2002

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Read non-fiction, history and politics; movies; swim; spend times with friends.

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

Notable Cases Litigated:

* I/A Court H.R., Case of Rodríguez Vera et al. (The Disappeared from the Palace of Justice) v. Colombia. Preliminary Objections, Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgment of November 14, 2014. Series C No. 287.

* I/A Court H.R., Case of Uzcátegui et al. v. Venezuela. Merits and reparations. Judgment of September 3, 2012. Series C No. 249.

* I/A Court H.R., Case of Gonzalez Medina and family v. Dominican Republic. Preliminary Objections, Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgment of February 27, 2012. Series C No. 240.

* I/A Court H.R., Case of the Barrios Family v. Venezuela. Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgment of November 24, 2011. Series C No. 237.

* I/A Court H.R., Case Gelman v. Uruguay. Merits and Reparations. Judgment of February 24, 2011 Series C No. 221.

* I/A Court H.R., Case of Gomes Lund et al. ("Guerrilha do Araguaia") v. Brazil. Preliminary Objections, Merits, Reparations, and Costs. Judgment of November 24, 2010. Series C No. 219.

* I/A Court H.R., Case of Anzualdo-Castro v. Peru. Preliminary Objection, Merits, Reparations and costs. Judgment of September 22, 2009. Series C No. 202.

* I/A Court H.R., Case of the Rochela Massacre v. Colombia. Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgment of May 11, 2007. Series C No. 163.

* I/A Court H.R., Case of La Cantuta v. Peru. Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgment of November 29, 2006. Series C No. 162.

One of the most notable cases litigated was the Gelman vs Uruguay by which the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ordered to the Uruguayan State to carry on a public explicit acknowledgement of responsibility for the victims Juan and Macarena Gelman and to overturn the impunity law that was in place.

As Deputy Director lead and directed the legal representation of numerous cases and thematic hearings at the Inter American Commission on Human Rights.