

# **Santorum, Claudio (Argentina/Spain)**

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## **Statement of qualifications**

### **Education**

LLM, International Legal Studies, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., United States

JD, Universidad Católica, La Plata, Argentina

### **Professional Experience**

2010-Present: United Nations Office For Drugs And Crime (UNODC) implementation of Santo Domingo Pact and Managua Mechanism

Regional Coordinator: Based at the Regional Office in Panama (ROPAN) will coordinate with the respective UNODC field offices in Centro America and the Caribbean and the involved government authorities, the implementation of the program, prepare costed work plans, coordinate centers of excellence, prepare TOR for recruitment of staff, consultants and subcontractors, meetings, seminars and workshops. Oversight the provision of equipment, monitor the program budget and prepare budget revisions, draft reports, working papers and all correspondence related to the project, supervise administrative aspects, liaise with local authorities, donors and international organizations, supervise a technical coordinator based on Trinidad and Tobago, as well as 11 country analysts based in the AOR and responsible for addressing the analytical capacities related to drug trafficking, transnational organized crime, traffic of weapons and human beings, money laundry, terrorism and corruption.

2009 to 2010: Chief of Party, USAID/DPK Consulting Improving Justice Service Delivery and Sector Reform in Haiti, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Serves as Chief of Party from start-up of project. Manages and oversees operational details, personnel, financial and administrative issues. Manages the technical oversight of project and serve as point of contact with the Haitian government, justice system and civil society. Areas of the project include improved citizen security in high crime areas through more effective criminal justice service delivery, improved non-criminal justice mechanisms such as diversion programs, improved access to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, increased oversight of justice sector operations, and support to a Haitian led development of a justice reform strategy. Supervises any required needs assessments or training of police, prosecutors, judges or related legal professionals. Establishes working relationships with participants and relevant civil society organizations in Haiti's criminal justice system and develops a thorough understanding of and remains updated throughout the contract period on developments in these sectors in Haiti. Works to improve police-prosecutorial cooperation, reducing the number of steps and time for completion of criminal investigations, and improving procedures in the pre-detention process. Helps to strengthen the MOJ inspection office, establishes standards for judicial appointment, evaluation and discipline, and develops and implement performance standards for judges and prosecutors. Helps to increase awareness by justice sector system users on how to file a complaint, and strengthen the civil society organization's capacities to perform effective control and oversight of sector operations. Oversees development and implementation of procurement plan, including facilities upgrades, purchase of commodities, or upgrades to communications. Provides input regarding the need for, qualification, timing, duration, retention and selection of consultants and oversee their work. Manages the project operating budget of

USD 20 Millions, ensuring that updates are submitted to the home office on a monthly basis and that monthly, quarterly, and annual spending targets are met. Complete reporting requirements for bi-weekly, quarterly, work plans and other reports, as required by USAID.

2008 – 2009: Head of Conduct and Discipline Office, UN Mission in Western Sahara, Laayoune, Morocco

Developed measures to raise awareness about standards of conduct and to improve the professionalism of UN civilian, police and military staff and experts in mission. Developed and oversaw data management systems to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of mission efforts to address misconduct of UN peacekeeper personnel. Reviewed and investigated misconduct and corruption complaints. Liaised with various partners and government on policy guidance and follow-up to cases investigated.

2007: Chief Technical Advisor/Project Manager - UNDP-Timor Leste Justice Programme, East Timor

Managed and served as the primary technical resource for a program to build the national capacity and inter-institutional cooperation of the Ministry of Justice (public defenders, judicial training center, and prisons), judiciary, and the Office of the General Prosecutor. Designed curricula for training of judges, prosecutors and other justice sector officials, and organized study tours, conferences, and workshops. Recruited, supervised, coordinated, and evaluated the work of international and local staff and advisors. Prepared work plans and monitored their implementation and managed a budget of USD 12 million. Provided guidance to the Council of Coordination.

2006: Senior Political Consultant, UNDP-Afghanistan Support to the Establishment of the Afghan Legislature Project

Supplied technical advice to strengthen the Parliament. Worked closely with the leadership of both houses to identify evolving needs and priorities for strengthening the National Assembly. Conducted trainings for National Assembly Committee members.

2005 – 2006: Regional Director, ABA-CEELI, Sofia, Bulgaria

Directed criminal law reform programs in Bulgaria, Bosnia, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine to upgrade the law enforcement sector through structural and legislative changes. Drafted legislation and developed and delivered training programs for police, investigators, prosecutors, and judges. Identified country programs and implementation strategies, hired and supervised large team of international and local legal experts. Managed program compliance, administrative, budget, and human resource issues. Liaised with donors and interacted with local government authorities.

2003 – 2004: Municipal Legal Adviser, UNMIK, Pristina, Kosovo

Coordinated and provided counsel on different legal subject matter areas including municipal legislation, taxation and contractual law as well as on UNMIK Regulations and Administrative Directives. Provided support for drafting Rules of Procedure for the Assembly. Facilitated publication of information on property rights, employment, and services.

2002 – 2003: Regional Coordinator, Criminal Justice Advisory Unit, UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Led regional program to strengthen reporting mechanisms and internal procedures of national justice sector institutions, including law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and investigative judges. Promoted increased and more effective cooperation between justice sector institutions. Supervised a team of international and local staff.

2000 – 2001: Legal Officer, Office of the Principal Legal Adviser for the Special Representative of the Secretary General, UN Transitional Administration Dili, East Timor

Conducted the drafting of legal texts and regulations and provided general advice to the SRSG in administrative and legal issues related to the transitional administration.

1999 – 2000: Regional Coordinator, Judicial System Assessment Program, UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organized the monitoring and assessment of the court system in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Conducted training seminars and workshops for the judiciary in various aspects of legal proceedings.

1996 – 1998: Regional Legal Adviser, Advisory Services, Legal Division, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Bogota, Columbia and New Delhi, India

Introduced the implementation of International Humanitarian Law in responsible countries in Latin America, as well as Asia and Pacific regions, focusing on ratification of treaties, and trained civil servants, members of governments, and armed forces on these issues.

1995 – 1996: Chief of Party, Democracy Enhancement Project, USAID/PHRF, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Chief of Party of project to improve the operation of the Haitian Parliament with functional structure, competent staff and research facilities, bill drafting capability, and workable rules of procedure. Directed training and information dissemination for senators and deputies. Supervised a team of administrative and professional staff and coordinated the implementation of technical (parliamentary) components of the project.

1993: OAS/UN International Civil Mission, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

As observer, monitored human rights throughout the country and prepared reports on human rights violations. Led the liaison between the Observer Mission and the Haitian Judicial branch.

### **Languages**

French, Haitian Creole, English, Serb-Croat, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese

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