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Costa Rica nominee for election to the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges of the International Criminal Court.

Curriculum vitae

Manuel E. Ventura Robles

Manuel E. Ventura Robles was born in San José, Costa Rica, on June 16, 1948. He completed his primary and secondary school studies at La Salle School and graduated with a High School Diploma in science and humanities. In 1974, he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Law and the license to practice as a public notary from the Faculty of Law of the University of Costa Rica. Later that year, he became a member of the Costa Rican Lawyer's College. He is married to Gloria Rodríguez Chávez, and they have three sons.

He was elected Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in January 2004 and reelected by acclamation of the State Parties of the American Convention on Human Rights during its Thirty-ninth Regular Session, from the 2nd to the 3rd of June of 2009, in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Judge Ventura Robles was Vice-president of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights from January 2012 to December 2013.

Judge Ventura Robles has held various positions in the private sector and in public administration, precisely in the Costa Rican Foreign Service in the Embassy of Costa Rica in Washington, D.C. and in the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the Organization of American States (OAS). He held the position of Secretary of Inter-American Court of Human Rights from January of 1990 until December of 2003. Previously, he held the position of Deputy Secretary, from December of 1979 until March of 1989. He has taught courses of Theory of the State in the Faculty of Law of the University of Costa Rica and has been an invited professor at the Autonomous Central American University (UACA) and at the National Association for Economic Promotion (ANFE). He has been a guest speaker at various human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations and other international organizations. He has also been a guest speaker at University of Costa Rica (UCR); University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain; Pontifical Catholic University of Chile; Faculty of Law, University of Chile; Catholic University of Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador; the Institute for Juridical Research of the Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); University of Sevilla; Columbia University, New York; Pontifical *Javeriana* University, Santafé de Bogotá, Colombia; the DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois; Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL); United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; University of Ottawa; Supreme Court of Justice of the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Costa Rican Institute of Constitutional Law; Superior Tribunal of Justice of Brazil; National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); University of El Salvador; University José Matías Delgado, El Salvador; University Alcalá de Henares, Spain; International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); Portuguese-Spanish-American-Philippine International Law Institute; Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice of Costa Rica; Supreme Court of Justice of the Dominican Republic; Supreme Court of El Salvador; World Movement for Democracy; Konrad Adenauer Foundation; GTZ (Berlin); Ministry of the Interior of Colombia, National Penitentiary Institute of Colombia; University of Antioquia of Colombia; University of San Buenaventura of Colombia; Public Prosecutor of the Province of Buenos Aires, Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIHR); the

International Commission of Jurists; the Inter-American Juridical Committee; and French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs; the European Court of Human Rights, the International Institute of Human Rights and the University of West Indies; Public Defense of Costa Rica; College of Lawyers of Costa Rica; Brazilian Institute of Human Rights, Ibero-American Center of Human Rights (Madrid), La Salle University, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Law School and Latin American Bar Association of the Human Rights Institute.

Judge Ventura Robles has also taken part in various national and international seminars on topics related to human rights and the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.

As a part of his responsibilities, he has attended the Fourteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-third Ordinary Sessions of the General Assembly of the OAS.

As Acting Vice-president of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, he attended the XLII Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of OAS held in Cochabamba, Bolivia, from June 3rd to June 5th, 2012 and the XLIII Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of OAS held in Antigua, Guatemala, from June 4th to June 6th, 2013.

Memberships

He is a member of the International Law Association and the American Society of International Law (ASIL); member of the Portuguese, Spanish, American and Philippine International Law Institute; member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Brazilian Institute of Human Rights; Honorary member of the Costa Rican Association of International Law (ACODI); and member *ex officio* of the General Assembly of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights.

Recognitions

- Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.
- Recognized by the Costa Rican Association of International Law with the Award “Manuel María de Peralta” for his contribution to the international law, international politics and diplomacy.
- Honorary President of the Colombian Institute of Human Rights.
- Honored, in Fortaleza, Brazil, by the Brazilian Institute of Human Rights with the Prize of Human Rights 2014, for his extensive and successful career as Secretary and Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
- The ex-president of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and current Judge of the International Court of Justice, Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade and the President of the Brazilian Institute of Human Rights, César Oliveira de Barros Leal, gave Judge Ventura Robles the Medal Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade.

- Honored in San Jose, Costa Rica, by the College of Lawyers, with Rodolfo Piza Escalante 2015 Award, for his contribution to the enlargement, decorum and enhancement of human rights in Costa Rica.

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