



**GRACIELA  
ZAMUDIO CAMPOS**

Lawyer specialized in International Human Rights Law, with 20 years of experience in jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional institutions of access to justice, both in Mexico and internationally. Highly effective inter-institutional liaison skills, as well as legal research and writing skills. Expert in analyzing complex legal issues, working on advocacy and connecting with victims. She is currently the Executive Director of Alma Migrante, a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the advocacy capacity of migrant advocates and strategic litigation in Tijuana, Mexico. Lecturer and consultant in Constitutional Law, Amparo, Public International Law and Migration. Excellent oral and written communication skills in the use of the English language.

## **EDUCATION**

Master of Law in Public International Law: University of Nottingham, UK. (2008)

Specialty in Legal Argumentation: University of Alicante, Spain. (2007)

Specialty in Constitutional Law and Amparo: UNAM, Mexico City. (2006)

Bachelor of Laws: Escuela Libre de Derecho, Mexico City. (2000)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **EXPERT WITNESS IN U.S COURTS FOR ASYLUM CASES FOCUSED ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN MEXICO**

**FEBRUARY 2019 - PRESENT**

- Preparation of expert witness reports for cases before U.S. courts in asylum cases
- addressing the human rights situation in Mexico.
- Presentation of testimony before U.S. judges on the content of the expert witness reports in which I function as an expert of human rights matters in Mexico.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**ALMA MIGRANTE**

**JUNE 2017 - PRESENT**

- Development of networks among organizations in the Baja California - California region as well as Mexico City and San Francisco.
- Provide legal advice and workshops on access to justice for the community of defenders of the human rights of migrants in the state of Baja California.
- Conduct interviews with migrants to prepare asylum applications before COMAR and link with other entities for psychological care.
- Design and coordination of litigation and strategies in community with the defenders of migrants in Baja California.

#### **Achievements:**

- Organization Co-editor of the report "COVID 19 and the response of human rights defenders in Baja California, together with OMADES and Espacio Migrante (<https://observatoriocolef.org/boletin/la-respuesta-de-los-defensores-de-los-derechos-humanos-de-las-personas-en-movilidad-humana-durante-la-pandemia-de-covid19/>).
- Winning organization of recognition for the creativity of its litigation team in the Fifth Edition of the 2020 Judgements Award for winning a judgement to provide access to justice for migrants subject to international protection.
- Successful high-impact litigation against systematic patterns of human rights violations in Baja California.
- Create regional non-profit coalitions with relevant actors to train other human rights defenders, public servants and the population of Tijuana on access to justice.

### **HEAD OF REGIONAL OFFICE**

**NATIONAL COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (CNDH), TIJUANA, MX**

**NOVEMBER 2015 - MARCH 2017**

- Field research work on violations of human rights of migrants in the defense community of Baja California and institutional collaboration with non-profit organizations in the care of migrant population.
- Leader of the investigative team of lawyers specialized in the detection of human rights violations with jurisdiction in Baja California and San Luis Rio Colorado.
- Representative of the CNDH in conferences, seminars and before relevant actors in migration issues: NGOs, shelters, protection agencies and representative authorities.
- Responsible for budget management and organization of informative events.
- Documentation and drafting of recommendations on ESC rights protection.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGAL INVESTIGATOR**

**NATIONAL COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (CNDH), MEXICO CITY**

**NOVEMBER 2011 - APRIL 2015**

- Legal documentation and drafting of public decisions on torture, illegal detention, human trafficking, migrants' rights, defense of the human rights of unaccompanied migrant children.
- Elaboration of cross-requests of relevant information to authorities at local and federal level.
- Institutional liaison with the corresponding authorities in charge of protecting the rights of victims.

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# COURSES & CERTIFICATIONS

2022

Diploma on Amparo Proceedings  
2022, SCJN and Casas de la  
Cultura Jurídica (online).

2013

Course on Mexican Foreign Policy,  
at the Faculty of Political and  
Social Sciences of the National  
Autonomous University of Mexico  
(UNAM).

2009

Diploma in Human Development:  
ITAM.

2008

Diploma in Culture Analysis:  
National Institute of Anthropology  
and History, Mexico City.

2007

Course on International Public Law  
at the Peace Academy, The Hague,  
The Netherlands.

## PUBLICATIONS

Co-author of the book A diez años de la reforma constitucional del 10 de junio del 2011, chapter I "La sociedad civil litigante en Baja California y su política sobre protección de derechos humanos de la población migrante", Los Derechos Humanos en México: Perspectivas desde la frontera norte, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas UNAM, Serie Estudios Jurídicos, number 373, Mexico City. Investigaciones Jurídicas UNAM, July, 2022 (<https://archivos.juridicas.unam.mx/www/bjv/libros/14/6891/4.pdf>).

Diálogos en Derechos Humanos: Migración, Zavala Gallardo, Erik (Coord.) "Narrativas Comunitarias de Personas Defensoras de la Población Migrante en la Frontera Norte de México", number 5, June 2022, p. 69 to 74 ([https://www.codhem.org.mx/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Dialogos\\_DH\\_5\\_v04\\_digital\\_def.pdf](https://www.codhem.org.mx/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Dialogos_DH_5_v04_digital_def.pdf)).

Migración y Hospitalidad, "Protección a Migrantes y Guardia Nacional, la responsabilidad derivada. deaprobar el plan extranjero", in Cultura de Paz y Derechos Humanos, CEPREVIDE, issue 2, October 2019 (<http://www.ceprevide.gob.mx/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2021/06/RE-VISTA-CEPREVIDE-No-2-OCT-2019.pdf>).

Co-author of the book "Grandes Mujeres", stories about female leadership, Alianza Mujeres Por Mujeres, A. C. (Ediciones Ilcsa, 2017).

"The dilemma of the International Criminal Court to ensure justice and maintain peace" in DFensor, 2011 (<https://www.corteidh.or.cr/tablas/r26830.pdf>).

- Supervision of investigations conducted by a team of ten lawyers, as Area Director in the Second Visit of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH).
- Liaison with local and federal authorities for the development of investigations in the detection of human rights violations.
- Interviews with victims of internal displacement, torture and disappearance, as well as support in migratory stations (field work).

## COURT CLERK

### THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM, MEXICO CITY

JANUARY 2001 - JUNE 2010

- Preparation of draft agreements, certifications and various solutions within the framework of the amparo process, from the admission to the execution of the judgment.
- Preparation of preliminary drafts of proposed judgments for direct and indirect amparo actions, as well as appeals and administrative contentious proceedings.

Achievements:

- Resolution of complex legal problems in the Seventh District Court in Administrative Matters and in the First Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters, both in Mexico City.
- Successful development of a judicial career in which I held the positions of Administrative Officer, Judicial Clerk, Secretary in charge of processing and sentencing a table of Amparo Trials, as well as Secretary of Projects of the Collegiate Court. I held this last position for six years.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

### THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (OTP)

#### THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

2015

- Responsible for analyzing the provisions of the Rome Statute and drafting legal memoranda.
- I excelled in the study of jurisprudence and evidence used by the defense and prosecution for the analysis of evidentiary gaps.
- Preparation of weekly summaries on the progress of the assigned case, which are disseminated to the public through the media and to the Executive Committee of the Office of the Prosecutor.

### INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

#### SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

2010

- Preparation of legal research reports for judges on Human Rights matters.
- Analysis of evidence, files and legal arguments for the drafting of international judgments and briefing notes for judges.
- Decisions formulated on the implementation of reparation measures and editorial support to judges in previously published judgments.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Trainer in the Inter-American Argumentation Program in cases of human rights violations in Mexico: an operational approach. Personal design with the purpose of empowering lawyers with the use of an Inter-American argumentative tool applied to the amparo trial, for their daily work.
- Postgraduate professor at the Division of Postgraduate Studies in Law of the UNAM, teaching the subjects "Arbitration and International Justice" and "Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law".
- University professor at the Universidad Anáhuac (Mexico City), teaching International Human Rights Law.
- Professor at INJUS (Legal Research and Public Security), teaching Human Rights and Amparo Trial (Tijuana, Baja California).

## BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Bar Association Licenciada María Zandoval de Zarco (since 2017)
- Mexican Bar Association, Baja California Chapter (2023)