



Judge

# Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto

Colombia

## Current post

Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

## Place and date of birth

Cartagena de Indias, March 15, 1966

## Degrees and academic studies

1985-1989	Law degree, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
1992-1997	Postgraduate studies in Constitutional Law and Political Science, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, Madrid.
1992-1997	Ph.D. in Public Law, Political Science and Legal Philosophy, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Full Professor, Universidad Externado de Colombia. Lecturer in Constitutional Law. Chair Constitutional Law

## Academic activities

1990	Assistant, Public Law Department, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
1990	Civics teacher for ninth, tenth and eleventh grade high school students, Colegio Claustro Moderno. Bogotá.
1991	Member of the advisory team for the Master's Degree Program in Municipal Government at the Universidad Externado de Colombia in relation to the organization of the "THE MAYOR OF THE YEAR" award. Responsible for drawing up the assessment parameters.
1991	Professor of Constitutional Law, Business Administration Faculty, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
1991	Organizer of the first International Course on Strategic Planning applied to Environmental Management in the Municipality, held by the Master's Degree program in Municipal Government, together with the Organization of American States (OAS).
1991	Assistant Professor, Master's degree program in Municipal Government, Universidad Externado de Colombia.



1991	Legal counsel, Public Law Chamber, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
1991-1992	Professor, Colombian Political Institutions Department, International Relations and Finance Faculty, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
1991-1992	Professor, General Constitutional Law Communities, Law Faculty, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
1998	Executive Secretary, Sixth Ibero-American Congress on Constitutional Law held at the Universidad Externado de Colombia in April 1998.
1998-2003	Director of postgraduate programs in Constitutional Law and Parliamentary Law, Public Law, and Political Science and Sociology, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
1998-2003	Professor of Colombian Constitutional Law and Introduction to Law, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
	Professor, advanced course on Domestic Public Services. Topic: "Constitutional Bases and Premises for the regulation of Public Services."
	Professor, Parliamentary and legislative law in the postgraduate Public Law programs offered by the Universidad Externado de Colombia.
November 2000-February 2001	Guest researcher, Constitutional Law department, Universidad Externado de Valladolid.
	As justice of the Constitutional Court, have taken part in various events at the "Rodrigo Lara Bonilla" judicial training school on different topics related to constitutional law, social security, labor rights, and fundamental rights..

## Professional activities

July-December 1990	Legal assistant, Administrative directorate, Instituto Nacional de Radio y Televisión (INRAVISION).
February-June 1991	Legal Adviser, CORPES, Costa Atlántica, for the second Committee on "Land-use Planning" of the National Constituent Assembly.
1991	Legal adviser, Public Law Chamber, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
February-August 1992	Assistant, Constitutional Court, Office of Justice Fabio Morón Díaz.
1997–2000	Peer Reviewer, Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educación Superior (ICFES), to evaluate undergraduate and postgraduate law programs.



1998	External adviser, Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educación Superior (ICFES).
1998-1999	Adviser on Constitutional Matters to the Chamber of Representatives.
Abril 1999	Rapporteur of the Public Hearings to Examine "The Political Reform." Chamber of Representatives and Ministry of Interior. "Instruments for peace."
2001	Associate judge of the Constitutional Court.
1997-2003	Litigation Lawyer before the Council of State.
2004 to September 2012	Justice of the Constitutional Court   Vice President (2007)   President (2008).
January 1, 2013	Appointed Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

## Distinctions

1985–1989	Honors grant, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
1992-1997	Grant holder, Universidad Externado de Colombia, for Ph.D. in Public Law, Political Science and Philosophy of Law at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.
1993-1994	Grant holder, Centro de Estudios Constitucionales, Madrid, Spain, for postgraduate studies in Constitutional Law and Political Science.
1993-1997	Grant holder, Ministry of Education and Science, Spain, for the Scientific Cooperation Program with Ibero-America: training on Science and Technology (Doctoral Thesis).
1997	Unanimously awarded a "Cum Laude" distinction by the judging panel for doctoral thesis directed by Professor Manuel Aragón Reyes, Ph.D., entitled: "Concepto y tipos de Ien en la Constitución Colombiana," Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

## Publications

October 8, 1990	"La reforma constitucional de 1945". El Espectador newspaper, Monday section on the Constituent Assembly.
1990	Undergraduate Thesis. "Elementos para una reglamentación parcial del acto legislativo No. 1 de 1987 por medio del cual se erige a la ciudad de Cartagena de Indias en Distrito turístico y Cultural."
March 1991	"Análisis de las propuestas y proyectos presentados en la Asamblea Nacional Constituyente con especial énfasis en el ordenamiento territorial." Supporting document for CORPES for the Second Committee.



January 1992	"La Nueva Constitución," article on Colombia written for the Enciclopedia Círculo de lectores.
1995	Sentencias de inconstitucionalidad, Colección: Temas de derecho público del Instituto de Estudios Constitucionales Carlos Restrepo Piedrahita, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Santafé de Bogotá.
1998	Los tratados internacionales y el derecho supranacional en el ordenamiento colombiano, in the proceedings of the Sixth Ibero-American Congress on Constitutional Law, Volume II. Universidad Externado de Colombia. Santa Fe de Bogotá.
1998	La reforma Constitucional en el ordenamiento colombiano. Colección: Temas de Derecho Público del Instituto de Estudios Constitucionales Carlos Restrepo Piedrahita, Universidad Externado de Colombia. Santa Fe de Bogotá (in press).
1998	Concepto y tipos de ley en la Constitución colombiana, Ediciones Universidad Externado de Colombia, Santafé de Bogotá.
April 19, 2000	Reflexiones críticas sobre el proyecto de Reforma Constitucional. Document prepared for the First Committees of the Chamber and the Senate.
2001	La Constitución Colombiana: Balance Crítico y perspectivas luego de diez años de vigencia. French Embassy
2001	Concepto Jurisprudencial del Derecho a la vida. Universidad Externado de Colombia (in press).
2002	Los primeros diez años de la Corte Constitucional Colombiana AA.VV. La problemática de la perdida de investidura en Colombia, in the proceedings of the Seventh Ibero-American Congress on Constitutional Justice: Constitutional courts and justice, Mexico, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 2002, pp. 317-340.
	Pending updating with conferences and publications while on the Constitutional Court.



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