



Judge,
**Diego
Moreno Rodríguez**

Paraguay

Current position

Judge Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Diego Moreno Rodríguez is a Paraguayan lawyer, professor, and researcher with over 20 years of experience in academia, international public service, and legal practice. After graduating with honours from the Catholic University in Asunción, he pursued his LLM studies with a concentration in jurisprudence and fundamental rights at Columbia University in New York City. He was later awarded a Doctoral degree in Constitutional Law at the University of Salamanca, in Spain.

Moreno is a professor at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Paraguayan and foreign universities and institutes, teaching courses on constitutional theory, fundamental rights, legal interpretation and legal reasoning, and selected themes within the Inter-American System. He has authored numerous works on constitutional justice and human rights in collective works and specialized journals. Moreno has extensive experience in issues related to the Inter-American System, having worked at the Department of International Law of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) for over 6 years.

Academic Background

2009	Doctorate in Constitutional Law, University of Salamanca
2001	Master of Laws (LL.M), Columbia University in New York City
1999	Lawyer, graduated with honours, Catholic University of Asunción



Experience in the Inter-American System

- He was elected as a Judge for the Inter-American Court on Human Rights by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) on June 28, 2024.
 - Previously, he served as Legal Officer in the Department of International Law of the OAS General Secretariat in Washington, D.C., from 2006 to 2012, where he provided advice to the Organization's political bodies on various issues related to international law and human rights. In particular, he provided support to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of the OAS Permanent Council in the drafting process of the inter-American conventions against racism and all forms of discrimination and intolerance.
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Teaching Activity

- He has been admitted as a "Global Distinguished Visiting Jurist" by Notre Dame Law School (fall, 2025).
 - He is a Professor of the Master's Degree in Constitutional Justice and Human Rights offered by the University of Bologna and the Institute for Constitutional Development of Argentina (2016-present).
 - In Paraguay, he taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses on subjects such as "Constitutional Rights and Guarantees", "Constitutional Theory," and "Interpretation and Legal Reasoning" at the Catholic University of Asunción (2017-2023).
 - He currently teaches "Constitutional Theory" at a doctoral level at the National University of Asunción (2024-present) and a doctoral course on "Theories and problems of constitutional interpretation" at the Universidad Iberoamericana of Asunción (2020-present).
 - He has taught at the Judicial Academy of Paraguay since 2015 ("Legal Interpretation", "Logic and Structure of Judicial Sentences").
 - He has been a professor in the OAS Course on International Law in Rio de Janeiro on three different occasions (2009-2011), as well as in the Master of Laws on International Human Rights Law offered by the University of Alcalá in Spain (2010), among other courses and workshops (Argentina, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Brazil, Perú, etc).
 - He was the Chair of the Paraguayan Institute of Constitutional Law (2019-2022).
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Conferences and lectures

He has delivered lectures and speeches on subjects of his expertise in various international forums, including the OAS, the UN in Geneva, Switzerland, and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo, Italy. He has also been invited to give speeches in different countries (Argentina, Mexico, Perú and others).

Specialization Courses

Mr. Moreno has completed several periodic training and specialization courses in international refugee law (2008, 2009 and 2011), internal displacement (2010), prevention and reduction of statelessness (2012), and international humanitarian law (2007) offered by organizations such as the OAS, the UN Refugee Agency, and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Scholarships, Awards, and Distinctions

- Mr. Moreno Received various awards and distinctions for academic excellence, including a recognition from the Catholic University for outstanding academic performance (1999).
 - He is a Fulbright Scholar (2000-2001), and received a doctoral scholarship from Banco Santander Central Hispano (Spain, 2002-5).
 - He won prizes for his legal scholarship in the Spanish Law Review *Teoría y realidad constitucional* (2005), and in the Catholic University of Asuncion (1997).
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Other Professional and NGO-related Activities

- In parallel to his academic activities, he has worked in private practice at a law firm in Paraguay (2013-present).
- He serves as an Arbitrator at the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Paraguay (2018-present), and is a Member of the Paraguayan Bar Association and the Paraguayan Institute of Constitutional Law.
- He was the President of the Catholic University of Asunción Law School Student Council (1996), and engaged in various other social and volunteer activities, including founding and advising the Guyrá Paraguay Foundation for Bird Conservation (1999-2002), and serving as a Volunteer Firefighter at the Volunteer Fire Department of Paraguay (1996-2000).

Languages

Fluent in Spanish and English, with basic proficiency in Portuguese.

Select Publications

- El Paraguay y la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos (editor) (en prensa, 2025).
- “Néstor Pedro Sagüés y su influencia en el constitucionalismo paraguayo”, en Homenaje a Néstor Pedro Sagüés (en prensa, 2025).
- “La descentralización del sistema paraguayo de justicia constitucional”, en U. Balladares et al (coords.), VII Congreso Nacional de Derecho Procesal Constitucional, Cusco, 2024.
- “El modelo presidencial paraguayo en perspectiva: del peligro a la prudencia”, DCPE Online, Italia, 1 2023.
- “Presentación”, en J.A. García Amado, Razonamiento jurídico y argumentación, La Ley Paraguaya, Asunción, 2023.
- “The Incorporation of Constitutional Amendments in Paraguayan Constitutionalism”, en R. Albert (ed.), The Architecture of Constitutional Amendments: History, Law, Politics, Hart, London, 2022.
“Paraguay” (country report), en International Review of Constitutional Reform (2021), University of Texas, Texas, 2022.
- “La brecha entre la Constitución social e igualitaria y la realidad democrática en Paraguay”, en J.A. Amaya y L. Mezzetti (coords.), Democracia, presidencialismo y populismo en Latinoamérica, Astrea, Buenos Aires, 2022.



- “*Constitución, emergencia sanitaria y restricción de derechos en Paraguay*”, en D. Valadés y N. González Martín (eds.), *Emergencia sanitaria por Covid-19: Derecho constitucional comparado*, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Ciudad de México, 2020.
- “*Constitución, igualdad y derechos: ¿Hacia un nuevo paradigma constitucional? (reseña bibliográfica)*”, *Revista Jurídica La Ley Paraguaya*, Feb 2020.
- “*Prólogo*” en E. Camacho, *Formalismo jurídico y dignidad humana*, Intercontinental, Asunción, 2020.
- “*La exigibilidad de los derechos sociales, económicos y culturales en la Constitución de Paraguay*”, en AA.VV., *Temas actuales de Derecho Administrativo-Económico*, Banco Central del Paraguay, Asunción, 2019.
- “*La protección de los derechos de los pueblos indígenas en situación de aislamiento bajo la cláusula de los derechos no enunciados*” (reseña bibliográfica), *Revista Jurídica La Ley Paraguaya*, Ago 2019.
- “*Veinticinco años de evolución de la justicia constitucional*”, en AA.VV., *Comentario a la Constitución. Homenaje al 25 aniversario*, Corte Suprema de Justicia, Asunción, 2018.
- “*La irrupción de la Constitución en el derecho privado*”, en *Derecho Privado Paraguayo, T. II*, La Ley, Asunción, 2018.
- “*Volver a la teoría de la justicia de Rawls*”, *Abc Color, Suplemento Cultural*, 2017.
- “*Entrevista. Una mirada escéptica al control de convencionalidad*”, Asunción, *Revista Jurídica del Centro de Estudiantes de Derecho de la Universidad Católica*, 2016.
- “*Legitimidad democrática y diálogo inter-institucional: algunos desafíos para los sistemas débiles de control judicial*”, *Revista da Advocacia-Geral da União, Brasil*, 2014.
- “*Ronald Dworkin (1931-2013): Homenaje a un gigante de la filosofía del derecho*” (parte 1 y parte 2), *Abc Color, Suplemento Cultural*, 2013.
- “*La inamovilidad de los ministros de la Corte Suprema: una visión desde la teoría constitucional*”, en AA.VV., *Comentario a la Constitución*, Corte Suprema de Justicia, Asunción, 2012
- “*La regulación de la acción colectiva para la defensa de la democracia en la OEA*”, *Cuadernos de la Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad, Madrid, v. 1*, 2011.
- “*El nuevo constitucionalismo latinoamericano en la encrucijada: cuatro tendencias y algunos desafíos para el futuro*”, en J.M. López Ulla (dir.), *Derechos humanos y orden constitucional en Iberoamérica*, Civitas, Pamplona, 2011.
- *Control judicial de la ley y derechos fundamentales. Una perspectiva crítica*, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, Madrid, 2011.
- “*Una breve introducción al proceso tendiente a la elaboración de un Proyecto de Convención Interamericana Contra el Racismo y Toda Forma de Discriminación e Intolerancia*”, en AA.VV., *Jornadas de Derecho Internacional 2008/2010*, Departamento de Derecho Internacional, OEA, Washington, DC, 2010.



- *Estándares de Protección de Afrodescendientes en el Sistema Interamericano*, coeditado con D. Negro y R. Rojas, Departamento de Derecho Internacional, OEA, Washington, 2010.
- “Una introducción al Proyecto de Convención Interamericana Contra el Racismo y Toda Forma de Discriminación e Intolerancia”, en XXXVI Curso de Derecho Internacional (2009), Departamento de Derecho Internacional, OEA, Washington, DC, 2009.
- “El desarrollo del tema de la protección de los refugiados en la OEA”, OEA, Secretaría General, Washington, D.C. (ACNUR/RefWorld), 2008.
- “Una aproximación a la concepción deliberativa de la democracia”, *Teoría y Realidad Constitucional*, Madrid, 2º semestre, 2005.
- “Derechos fundamentales, justicia constitucional y proceso democrático”, *Revista Jurídica del Centro de Estudiantes de Derecho de la Universidad Católica*, Asunción, 2004.
- “La doctrina del Estado de derecho y sus virtudes”, *Revista Jurídica del Centro de Estudiantes de Derecho de la Universidad Católica*, Asunción, 2002.



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