



## LETICIA BONIFAZ ALFONZO



Born on April 13, 1959 in Comitán, Chiapas, Mexico.

Bachelor's degree and doctorate in law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Awarded honorable mention.

She had a postdoctoral research stay in Bologna with a scholarship awarded by the Italian government in 1994-1995.

Teacher at UNAM since 1982. Currently, she teaches master's degree classes in the Graduate Studies Division.

### **Work Experience:**

From 2000 to 2004 she was Director of the Judicial School of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federation Judiciary.

From 2006 to 2012 she was Legal Counselor of the government of the then Federal District of Mexico (currently Mexico City). During her tenure, she promoted a number of important initiatives in human rights, specially, many related to sexual and reproductive rights of women; rights of the LGBT+ population and a Human Rights program for the city.

From 2012 to 2014 she was Director of the Legal Studies Division of the Center for Economic Research and Teaching, A.C. (CIDE).

From 2015 to 2018 she was Director General of Promotion, Study and Development of Human Rights in the Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico.





As part of her role, she worked in coordination with the office of the UN High Commissioner; the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (CoIDH). On behalf of the judiciary, as part of the Mexican delegation, she attended the third Universal Periodic Review of Mexico and the ninth periodic review before the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). She also disseminated information to judges, through workshops, on Protocols to incorporate international human rights law into sentences. She formulated opinions on draft Supreme Court rulings related to human rights and gender, based on inter-American standards.

In 2020, she was proposed by the Mexican government to be part of the CEDAW for the 2021-2024 term. After being elected, she served as rapporteur for Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Costa Rica, Honduras, Venezuela and Nicaragua. In all cases, she was able to obtain a complete picture of the human rights situation of women in order to issue concluding observations.

She is part of the Committee's group that examines individual communications, which are complaints received by the CEDAW Committee about violations of women's human rights.

In the academic field, she has given lectures, participated in round tables and various seminars on human rights in Argentina (Buenos Aires, Córdoba and Tucumán); in Quito, Ecuador; in Medellín and Santa Martha, Colombia; in Santiago de Chile; in La Paz and Mecapaca, Bolivia; in Lima, Peru; Guatemala and Panama.

She has published several academic and opinion articles on human rights and gender.

