

José Luis Caballero Ochoa

Commissioner of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Doctor of Law from the National University of Distance Education in Spain (2007), conferred cum laude with unanimous approval for the thesis "The incorporation and effectiveness of human rights treaties in Spain and Mexico. A comparative analysis". Master of Law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (2005). Dr. Caballero also holds a bachelor's degree in Law from the Monterrey Institute of Technology (1992). Additionally, he possesses a Diploma in Human Rights and Democratization Processes from the University of Chile (2010).

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

For the past 25 years, Dr. Caballero Ochoa has served as an academic researcher in the Department of Law at the Ibero-American University, Mexico City. He has been the Coordinator of the Master's in Human Rights (2007-2011), University Rights Advocate (2014-2015), and Dean (2015-2021). He is a member of the National System of Researchers of the National Council for Science, Humanities, and Technology in Mexico since 2009. He has conducted research stays at Fordham University in New York, the Institute of Legal Research at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona.

Over more than two decades, he has shared his teaching experience in topics related to international human rights law: international treaties and their implementation, regional human rights protection systems, particularly the Inter-American System, conventionality control, specific rights like non-discrimination and political rights. As well as in constitutional law: international incorporation into domestic law, constitutional justice, constitutional interpretation, and mechanisms for adjudicating fundamental rights. His teaching practice has taken place in higher education institutions in Mexico, as well as through specialized courses for the Federal Judiciary and higher courts in Mexican states, under various formats. Additionally, he has given lectures and presentations on these subjects in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Colombia, Spain, the United States, and Peru, establishing himself as an influential academic figure in the field of human rights.



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ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH IMPACT

His professional development has led him to be part of various academic networks over time, including the International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) Mexico Chapter, the Research Network on Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court with the Federal University of Belém do Pará in Brazil, the Academic and Editorial Committee of the Federal Judiciary in Mexico, and the Advisory Committee of the Constitutional Studies Center of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation in Mexico, among others. Likewise, his academic and research experience has allowed him to develop influential doctrinal thinking for legislative developments, public policy, and constitutional interpretation. Examples include the constitutional reform on human rights in Mexico (2011), the Human Rights Law Project for Mexico City (2007), and various initiatives for the design of autonomous constitutional bodies, particularly public bodies for human rights protection. He hasalso provided technical opinions as Amicus Curiae and international expertise, as seen in cases brought before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights such as Atala Riffo and Daughters v. Chile, and the San Miguel de Sosa and Others v. Venezuela. His researcher's perspective is reflected in a significant body of written work, including nearly a hundred book chapters and articles in specialized journals, as well as books published by legal publishers with high international recognition.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT

In September 2023, Dr. Caballero was elected as Commissioner of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, for the period of time from September 5 of that year to December 31, 2025. Since 2021, he has been a member of the International Commission of Jurists. He has participated in technical and citizen councils that define action strategies for public institutions in the respect, guarantee, and promotion of human rights. This includes roles such as the Board of Directors of the Federal Public Defender Institute in Mexico, the Human Rights Commission, and the AdvisoryAssembly of the Council for Preventing and Eliminating Discrimination, all within Mexico City. Dr. CaballeroOchoa has steered his academic journey with a virtuous balance between teaching practice, research, technical consultancy, and an outlook focused on influencing the transformation of public institutions and the normative framework, as well as constitutional interpretation and human rights.