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PROLOGUE


2020, as never before, brought a special accountability challenge for civil society. The COVID-19 pandemic, the first to hit modern society, brought with it stories of human rights violations, cases of grand corruption, risks for people in vulnerable situations, among others. During this year, the deep unresolved issues that the State has with the governed have become more visible. In particular, the health contingency has highlighted the rights of marginalized people and the spaces that the authorities have not addressed for the benefit of the victims of corruption.

This year our civil society organization, Derechos Humanos y Litigio Estratégico Mexicano (DLM), worked under the uncertainty of a world unknown to its members, but with a very clear intention: to continue demanding accountability with a human rights perspective. In this report, which the reader is about to leaf through or read in detail, we have concentrated the human rights advocacy and advisory activities to which DLM devoted much of its efforts.

In this document, two major work notes can be identified. The first one is a continuation of the efforts that, for years, our civil association has been following up on, such as the autonomy of the justice system and the independence of the special prosecutors, the supervision of public purchases of the federal government, as well as the defense of the human rights of the community in cases of public interest.

The second of the work notes that can be distinguished in this report are precisely the activities that DLM and its members carried out on the occasion of the pandemic and to seek the accountability of the State in that period of time, which still continues and is continuing to leave uncertainty. The work is varied but focuses on the advice and defense that we have provided to people in Mexico against improper or arbitrary acts of the authorities. It is a platform for denouncing acts of corruption in public and private hospitals, but it is also the advice to organizations defending migrants and persons subject to international protection.

In particular, in terms of creating "anti-corruption knowledge", in 2020 DLM developed reports, memorandums, articles and analyses to highlight the relationship between corruption and human rights, the rights of victims of corruption, the role of whistleblowers in times of pandemic, the judicial reform of Minister Arturo Zaldívar, and the protection of the press from public officials.




2020 was a year marked by the pressures that the Mexican federal government has imposed on civil society organizations and all those who defend human rights. Judges have embraced the presidential cause and have regressed immensely in recognizing the interest and legal standing that civil society organizations and groups have judicially to defend the rights of the unprotected or those who have not been heard. That is also why this annual report of DLM has a very important meaning.

From the impotence of seeing ourselves limited as civil society, from the uncertainty caused by the "deaf ears" of the authorities to our claims or from the anger caused by the presidential disregard of the work of the organizations, from that place and space is that we have pushed more and with more support from the international community, to promote accountability, the promotion of human rights and the eradication of the rampant corruption that Mexico is experiencing.

Thank you for reading this report and for disseminating it. But above all, thank you for showing interest in an area of public life that deserves to be seen: the accountability of our authorities and officials.

Carlos G. Guerrero Orozco
Chairman of the Board of Directors of DLM

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I. ACTIVITIES BY STRATEGIC AREA

In 2020, DLM's activities as a non-profit organization were mainly directed towards the promotion and defense of human rights.

On this basis, in the exercise of its institutional commitment, DLM developed activities to defend the right to a corruption-free environment, the right to a good public administration, the right to defend human rights and the right to have access to an effective mechanism of defense, in relation to the principles of legality and legal certainty.

This was verified in four strategic areas: (I.1.) independence of the judiciary and prosecutorial institutions; (I.2.) strengthening and support of civil society organizations, citizen groups and individuals; (I.3.) public procurement; and (I.4.) awareness of anti-corruption issues.

I.1. JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE

Citizens are entitled to have judges and prosecutors who exercise their function independently, away from any interference from political power or criminal organizations. In order to defend this right, in 2020 DLM submitted several information requests to various authorities and initiated constitutional proceedings (amparo) as described below:

Anti-Corruption Prosecutor

DLM provided support and consultancy for the amparo proceeding against the appointment of the head of the Specialized Prosecutor's Office for Corruption Control, which is being processed by the Tenth District Court of Administrative Matters under case number 630/2019. The trial questioned whether the Attorney General of the Republic and the Mexican Senate had failed to comply with the requirements and standards set forth in the law for the appointment of such a person. The trial is still ongoing and is in the stage of reviewing the judgement of dismissal issued in the first instance and awaiting

Citizens' Advisory Board of the Attorney General's Office

DLM provided support and consultancy to various civil associations and human rights defenders in the constitutional proceedings against the Senate and the Attorney General of the Republic, for the failure to appoint the Citizens' Advisory Board of the Attorney General's Office,, a citizen body that oversees the actions of the head of the Attorney General's Office in the exercise of the powers of law enforcement in Mexico. The amparo lawsuit, which is being heard held before the Tenth District Court on Administrative Matters in Mexico City under file number 1496/2019, is still being processed and is in the review stage of the judgment of dismissal issued in the first instance, likewise, the file 1617/2019 before the First District Court on Administrative Matters in Mexico City, is still being processed and is in the review stage of the judgment of dismissal issued in the first instance.

Habeas Data Constitutional Proceeding

DLM in reiterating our commitment to fight corruption decided to submit several requests for access to information in order to be authorized and admitted to the public hearing of Emilio Ricardo Lozoya Austin, dated July 28, 2020 before the Control Judge of the Federal Criminal Justice Center of Mexico City based in the *Reclusorio Norte*, which was not only rejected in the first request, but also generated a prevention that subsequently resulted in a review appeal to the National Transparency Platform.

Last November 2020, DLM sponsored, advised and followed up on the amparo lawsuit in its *habeas data*^[1] modality before the Eighth District Court on Administrative Matters in Mexico City, under file number 1106/2020, in order to demand that the fundamental right of access to information be guaranteed and to safeguard the due process that must always permeate and be respected.

Attacks on the independence of the justice system in Mexico

DLM together with other organizations requested that through María Claudia Pulido, Interim Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, a public hearing be granted before the Commission in order to present relevant information on the situation of the independence of the Mexican justice system. This is reflected in external interferences, direct attacks on justice operators from the official public discourse, and impulse from the executive and legislative power, of institutional reforms to the Judiciary of the Federation and the organic legislation of the Attorney General's Office, which seek to strengthen the hierarchical authority of its high authorities, and its disciplinary power over judges and federal prosecutors, in addition to eliminating internal checks and balances, accountability mechanisms and spaces for citizen participation.

[1] This type of amparo lawsuit allows protecting and guaranteeing the right to informational self-determination of all persons within Mexican territory, which are governed by the regulations on access to information. The litigation process of this *habeas data* modality represents an important challenge, and the judicial resolution to be issued could be very enriching and of public utility, since it would allow generating a precedent in which it is confirmed that being a matter of public interest, a request for access to information cannot be denied, that the information is not only limited to printed documents, but that its scope is so broad that it conditions the negative answers to be very few and that they require a high level of substantiation and motivation.

Human Rights Prosecutor

DLM sponsored and followed up various civil associations and human rights defenders and followed up on the case of the appointment of the head of the Specialized Human Rights Prosecutor's Office, a lawsuit filed before the First District Court on Administrative Matters under file number 1204/2019. The lawsuit alleged that the Attorney General of the Republic did not comply with the requirements and standards for the appointment of such person. On the amparo trial, concluded in 2020, it was finally determined that civil society organizations do not have legitimate interest to challenge this type of resolutions.

President of the National Human Rights Commission

DLM sponsored and followed up several civil associations and human rights defenders regarding the improper appointment of the head of the National Human Rights Commission. The amparo lawsuit was filed before the Sixteenth District Court on Administrative Matters in Mexico City, under file number 1688/2019. In the trial, concluded in 2020, it was finally determined that such acts cannot be challenged in Mexico.

Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation

DLM sponsored and followed up several civil associations and human rights defenders in the case against the selection and appointment of a minister of the Supreme Court Justice. The amparo lawsuit, in which the President of Mexico and the Mexican Senate were sued, was filed before the Fifteenth District Court in Administrative Matters in Mexico City, under file number 1969/2019. In the lawsuit, which was concluded in 2020, it was finally determined that such acts cannot be challenged in Mexico.

Summary

JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE

In 2020, in order to influence on the independence of judges and prosecutors in Mexico, DLM sponsored, provided consultancy and followed up on 7 amparo trials before District Courts, 15 appeals or means of defense before Appeal Court, 1 request of a public hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, as well as dozens of public information petitions before various authorities.

1.2. STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, CITIZEN GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

For the advocacy of human rights and the strengthening of the rule of law in Mexico, we are aware that it's required to strengthen other civil society organizations that, like DLM, seek the prevalence of fundamental rights in Mexico need to be strengthened.

Through advice, consulting and representation in trials, DLM has supported various civil organizations, technically and legally, so that they can achieve their objectives related to the defense of various human rights such as life, integrity, health, judicial autonomy, among other collective rights. The cases in which DLM has been involved are mentioned below:

#WhistleblowingCorruptionCoronavirus

We developed a whistleblowing platform in times of Covid-19 (in Spanish "#DenunciaCorrupcionCoronavirus" or "#DenunciaCorrupcionVacunas"), available to report any act of corruption during the care, treatment and diagnosis of Covid-19 in public and private hospitals in Mexico, as well as during the administration of the vaccine. This platform, developed in collaboration with the Transparency and Anti-Corruption Initiative (ITAC) of the Tec de Monterrey School of Government and Public Transformation, set standards for whistleblowers in Mexico by handling more than 400 complaints in eight months. The platform was selected by the Paris Peace Forum as a tool that enables development in times of crisis. The platform has also had an impact on the accountability of the Public Administration.

This platform is available at: <https://denunciacorrupcion.com>

Joint Agreement Mexico-United States on Migration matters

DLM sponsored and followed up on an amparo trial filed by a Mexican civil organization against the Joint Agreement between Mexico and the United States on migration issues, in which it is disputed that various rights of persons on the move (migrants and refugee seekers) were violated. The amparo is being processed by the Eleventh District Administrative Court in Mexico City under case number 985/2019. The trial is still in process and awaiting resolution

Defense of the Migrant Population in confinement in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

DLM provided support and consultancy to several civil associations and human rights defenders in the amparolawsuit against the omission to dictate the pertinent measures to avoid contagion in persons expelled from the United States of America. Lawsuits that are being processed before the Second District Court in the State of Chihuahua, under file number 570/2020; before the Fifth District Court in Amparo and Federal Lawsuits in the State of Baja California, with residence in Tijuana, under file number 293/2020; and before the First District Court in Administrative Matters in the State of Nuevo Leon, under file number 685/2020. The lawsuits questioned the failure of the General Health Council, the Local and Federal Health Ministries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Institute of Migration and the Mexican Senate to comply with the requirements and international standards for the special protection of the migrant population and the guarantee of the right to health within the migrant stations due to the situation presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. The lawsuits are still being processed and are awaiting resolution.

The work of DLM has also helped with the granting of two injunctions by Federal Judge, to constrain the Mexican Government (more than seven national agencies and over five local agencies) to take specific actions to protect and guarantee the human rights of migrants and asylum seekers in times of COVID-19.

***Amicus Curiae* "Ethical standards applicable to the conduct of prosecutors in international and comparative law".**

DLM along with Due Process of Law Foundation, submitted a technical opinion as an *Amicus Curiae* before the Court of Honor of the Illustrious Bar Association of Lima, in the framework of the proceedings initiated against the lawyer Pedro Gonzalo Chávayry Vallejos, with file No. 392-2018 followed on alleged misconduct committed against the Code of Ethics of the Lawyer. The challenged conduct consists of having falsely stated in relation to the occurrence of certain facts, his participation in a meeting with media with the aim of obtaining the support of such media to be elected as Attorney General of the Nation in Peru. At that time, attorney Pedro Gonzalo held the position of Chief Supreme Prosecutor of the Public Prosecutor's Office, a high position within the institution. The previously denied facts are relevant for the Peruvian citizens, since he held a high position and also such facts are related to a complex corruption network, "Los Cuellos Blancos del Puerto" (The White Collars of the Port).

Prosecutors are in charge of ensuring the application and enforcement of the law; they are one of the most important and powerful figures in the justice system. The conduct of prosecutors is subject to the highest ethical standards, and they must conduct themselves in such a manner, "maintaining the honor and dignity of the profession", maintaining public trust, justice and impartiality. By means of the aforementioned resolution, the complaint against him for a violation of articles 1, 6.3, 7, 8, 9 and 76 of the Code of Ethics of the Lawyer was declared founded, and a sanction of suspension from professional practice for eighteen months was imposed.

"Anti-corruption governance in times of COVID-10" of the Citizen Participation Committee of the National Anticorruption System

DLM coordinated efforts with the Citizen Participation Committee of the National Anticorruption System in order to articulate a public policy for the public problem given by the pandemic. A public policy proposal was issued on "Anticorruption Governance in times of COVID-10" where it seeks to contribute to the prevention of possible acts of corruption in the purchase, contracting, awarding or allocation of goods and/or services by the government. It contemplates the construction of a project that addresses the elements and actions of public policy mentioned. DLM was part of this project along with nine other CSOs.

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

DLM was present at the session before the IACHR to address issues related to the "Experience of the Mexican State with the System for Follow-up and Attention to International Human Rights Recommendations (SERIDH).

UNCAC Coalition

As an [active member](#) of the UNCAC Coalition, in 2020 DLM participated in discussions and private working sessions with anti-corruption organizations from all continents, with the aim of making visible good practices from Mexico and Latin America, as well as to adapt those policies or actions of foreign organizations that promote accountability of authorities. The above, aimed at strengthening and supporting civil society organizations, citizen groups and individuals. Regarding the relevant international report called FACTI Panel interim report 2020, DLM submitted considerations related to the legitimate interest of civil organizations in the fight against corruption.

UNGASS 2021

The current international framework has many gaps, making it difficult to deter transnational and high-level corruption. To ensure justice, we need new mechanisms. In relation to Oslo Statement on Corruption Involving Vast Quantities of Assets and with the aim of tackling transnational corruption, together with UNGASS, DLM sent a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Marcelo Ebrard that proposed to commission an ad hoc expert group to develop concrete solutions signed by nearly 100 civil society organizations from more than 50 countries in relation with the negotiations in Vienna for the political declaration of UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) against corruption

This working group should be tasked with developing proposals for frameworks and structures to address the gaps and weaknesses of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

Citizen support

In 2020, DLM provided 150 legal advisories, guiding, accompanying and following up on the citizen complaints that were submitted to our customer service mailbox. Helping to interpret and know the legal aspects, strengthening people's capacities; asserting their rights. Providing support to continue promoting actions to improve respect for human rights in Mexico.

Summary

STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, CITIZEN GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

In 2020, DLM promoted the strengthening of civil organizations, groups of citizens and individuals seeking justice before administrative authorities and courts of the Federation. As a result, DLM provided consultancy, sponsored and followed up on 4 amparo proceedings before district courts, 11 appeal before collegiate Courts, 1 international amicus curiae, 150 legal counsel to citizens; developed a national whistleblowing platform for reporting acts of corruption in the treatment of coronavirus and the application of the vaccine; demanded the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the procurement of the UNCAC; as well as worked with national and international organizations for the protection and guarantee of human rights and anticorruption (UNCAC, Coalition, FACTI Panel, UNGASS 2021).

I.3. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

The Mexican State, for the acquisition of any products or public goods, must comply with strict processes to ensure the best available conditions in terms of price, quality, financing and opportunity. This also implies a right of the citizens to have their officials administer public resources with efficiency, effectiveness, economy, transparency and honesty.

In order to defend this last right, in 2020 DLM made requests for information to authorities and initiated the lawsuit described below:

Purchase of tanker trucks for the transportation of gasoline

In 2020 DLM sponsored, advised and followed up on the amparo trial before the Eighteenth Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters of the First Circuit under file number 637/2019, which derived from the nullity lawsuit against the irregular participation of the head of the Ministry of Public Administration of the federal government in the purchase of 500 60,000-liter pipelines for the normalization of gasoline distribution in Mexico, as well as the invasion of powers of that Ministry over various authorities and entities of the Mexican State. The nullity trial was processed before the Specialized Chamber in Online Trials of the Federal Court of Administrative Justice under the file 19/778-24-01-01-04-OL. The jurisdictional review is awaiting resolution.

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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

In 2020, in order to influence the due attention, spending and exercise of public funds for the purchase of goods in the public domain, DLM presented and followed up on 1 trial of nullity before the Federal Court of Administrative Justice in Mexico, 1 appeal before Appeal Courts, as well as various requests of information before authorities of the Mexican State.

I.4. AWARENESS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION ISSUES

Another of DLM's activities is the creation of knowledge products that increase the awareness of the general public on specific topics of interest to us. In 2020, DLM, its associates and members published articles and studies on anti-corruption, transparency, judicial autonomy, public officials appointments and human rights in times of Covid-19, among other topics shown below:

Opinion articles and editorials

Throughout 2020, DLM, its associates and members published opinion articles and editorials on the fight against corruption, judicial independence and the independence of law enforcement agencies, transparency, and human rights in times of the Covid-19 pandemic. The following are some of the most important ones:

Right to Privacy of Public Officials in Mexico: Freedom of expression and the duty to protect journalists and Freedom of the press. Memorandum regarding the situation in Mexico

With the support of the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice, we published this executive report that analyzes the impact of impunity, corruption, censorship and limitations on freedom of expression by State agents, as well as the duties and obligations of the Mexican State and the international standard for the special protection of freedom of expression with respect to public officials. ([See memorandum here](#))

Legitimate interest of CSOs in the Mexican constitutional proceeding (in Spanish, "[El interés legítimo de las organizaciones civiles en el amparo mexicano](#)")

Along with Tirant le Blanch and the Escuela Libre de Derecho we presented an analysis about the legal standing of CSOs in Mexico, showcasing the ambiguity and lack of understanding of this concept by the courts.

"Fiscalómetro"

A collective corruption analysis of the Mexican impunity pandemic. A study on the performance of the attorney general of the republic, reforms to the organic law of the attorney general's office, the appointment of specialized prosecutors and the justice crisis in Mexico due to institutionalized corruption. ([See study here](#))

Judicial Reform in Mexico: An Analysis from a Corruption and Human Rights Perspective (in Spanish, ["Reforma Judicial en México: Un análisis desde la perspectiva de la Corrupción y Derechos Humanos"](#))

Technical analysis of some essential aspects of the reforms to the structure, nature and powers of the organs of administration of justice in Mexico that make up the Federal Judicial Power, with the objective of establishing their direct and indirect effects on the independence of the Mexican justice system at the federal level.

Corruption & Human Rights in times of COVID-19 (in Spanish, ["Corrupción y Derechos Humanos en tiempos de Covid-19"](#))

Executive report that presents the state of corruption in times of coronavirus in Mexico, based on the actions and projects of federal authorities, civil organizations, the media and academia. It analyzes the impact that corruption has on human rights in the context of the health emergency, as well as the alternatives that international organizations have given to promote accountability and monitor irregularities in a pandemic.

For the presentation of this report, DLM and the *Escuela Libre de Derecho* organized a series of conferences with the participation of speakers such as Santiago Nieto Castillo, Ursula Indacochea, Ricardo Silva Díaz, Gerardo Carrasco Chávez, Marco Fernández, among other specialists in corruption and human rights.

The report was supported by the Due Process of Law Foundation of Washington, D.C., the Transparency and Anti-Corruption Initiative of the *Tec de Monterrey* School of Government and Public Transformation, Instituto de Defensa Legal of Peru, *Observatorio de Derechos y Justicia* of Ecuador and the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice of New York.

Compilăre 2020

It is a compilation of articles, columns, editorials and other collaborations published throughout 2019 where some issues of transparency, accountability, anti-corruption and regulatory compliance are addressed. 2019 was a year of changes and new perspectives in the control of corruption in the public and private sectors; with the renewal of the Chamber of Deputies and the Chamber of Senators of the Mexican Congress, new regulations, executive actions and government programs have been adopted in order to prevent and combat corruption in those sectors. In the aforementioned compilation, a relationship between recent changes and the control of corruption, accountability and transparency is presented. ([See document here](#))

blog publications and more content regarding corruption and human rights can be found on [DLM's website](#).



Summary

AWARENESS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION ISSUES

In 2020, to encourage the creation of anti-corruption knowledge products and to promote the independence of the judiciary and the Attorney General's Office, as well as respect for human rights in times of pandemic, and the protection of freedom of expression and freedom of the press in the current Mexican situation, DLM published several opinion articles and editorials to highlight the work that our organization does as part of its institutional commitment. Additionally, DLM constantly publishes relevant blog posts on human rights, anti-corruption, and other current issues.

II. ALLIANCES WITH ACADEMICS AND NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

To achieve our goals, DLM has established new alliances and collaborations with academics, activists and national and international organizations, such as:

- UNCAC Coalition (**Vienna**)
- Colective against impunity (**Mexico City**)
- GetheDocs (**New York**)
- Legal Defense Institute (**Peru**)
- Rights and Justice Observatory (**Ecuador**)
- Appleseed México (**Mexico City**).
- Mexicans against Corruption and Impunity (**Mexico City**).
- Collective #FiscalíaQueSirva (**Guanajuato**).
- Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights s (**Mexico City**).
- Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice (**New York**).
- Transparency and Anti-Corruption Initiative of the School of Government and Public Transformation of the *Tecnológico de Monterrey* (**Mexico City**).
- Due Process of Law Foundation (**Washington, D.C.**).
- Foundation for Justice and the Democratic Rule of Law (**Mexico City**).
- Mexicans First (**Mexico City**).
- Open Society Justice Initiative (**New York**).
- TOJIL (**Mexico City**).

We are also members of the *Pro Bono Mexico Network* and the *UNCAC Coalition*.



III. DLM. AUTHORIZED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND REGISTERED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

In 2020, DLM obtained its registration for the information system of the Federal Registry of Civil Society Organizations, administered by the Commission for the Promotion of the Activities of Civil Society Organizations, an essential document for the quality of authorized charitable and nonprofit organization in accordance with the Federal Law for the Promotion of Activities Carried out by Civil Society Organizations and its regulations. The Registration Unique Code (CLUNI) is DHL15091509E53.

In 2019, DLM received authorization from the Mexican Tax Administration System (SAT) to receive tax-deductible donations. The authorization notice is No. 7000201201913286 dated November 15, 2019.

IV. MEDIA AND CONFERENCE PRESENCE

In 2020, DLM's work was recognized and highlighted by the media, national and international organizations. News portals such as *Latin us*, *Nexos*, *Animal Político*, *El Economista*, *La Jornada*, *El financiero* reported DLM's trials, performances and studies. Some of them are quoted below:

International press

"NGOs demand the dismissal of Gertz Manero after FGR exoneration of Cienfuegos" "[\(Latinus\)](#)

"#WhistleblowingCorruptionCoronavirus" ([Paris Peace Forum](#))

"4 projects from Mexico participate in the 3rd Paris Peace Forum" ([Ambassade de France au Mexique](#))

Prensa nacional

"Epidemic and Corruption: Proposals for Citizen Action" ([Nexos](#))

"Omissions surrounding the appointment of the anti-corruption prosecutor" ([Nexos](#))

"The State vs. civil organizations" ([El Financiero](#))

"A prosecutor under siege" ([El Economista](#))

"Denouncing corruption in the Pandemic" ([Revista Azimut](#))

"#WhistleblowingCorruptionCoronavirus" ([Aristegui Noticias](#))

"Mexican government should refrain from stigmatizing the work of human rights defenders and journalists" ([Chiapas Paralelo](#))

"The autonomy of the FGR is not a carte blanche" ([Animal Político](#))

"Setback, opacity and null transition in two years of Gertz at the head of the FGR: citizen report" ([Animal político](#))

"FGR Law and Open Parliament" ([La Jornada](#))

Conferences

Paris Peace Forum 2020: #WhistleBlowingCorruptionCoronavirus

The #WhistleBlowingCorruptionCoronavirus platform was selected by the Paris Peace Forum as a tool that enables development in times of crisis. The platform has also had an impact on the accountability of the Public Administration. DLM had the opportunity to present the #DCC project to the Paris Peace Forum, an international forum where we discussed whistleblower rights in the midst of an international emergency. ([See mention here](#))

UNCAC Coalition: Conversation on strategic litigation on corruption and human rights in Latin America.

The event was a moderated plenary in commemoration of International Anti-Corruption Day, where DLM and the different Latin American organizations of the UNCAC Coalition were able to share their experiences working through strategic litigation to fight corruption. ([See mention here](#))

First International Forum: Innovation in Justice

México Evalúa and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom convened the First International Forum: Innovation in Justice. This digital meeting opened a conversation on how innovation and technology are being harnessed to strengthen justice systems and the rule of law. ([See mention here](#))

Panel: Independencia Judicial y Corrupción: Impacto de la Corrupción en la correcta administración de Justicia.

The panel was organized by the Rights and Justice Observatory of Ecuador, and was integrated by the Open Justice Program of Argentina, the International Commission of Jurists, the Legal Defense Institute of Peru and DLM. The objective of the panel was to analyze and discuss the consequences of corruption on the administration of justice, its main causes and the international standards on judicial independence. ([See mention here](#))

V. OUR TEAM

Board of Directors

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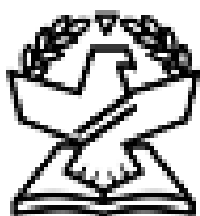
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