

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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I. Activities by strategic area

In 2020, the activities of Derechos Humanos y Litigio Estratégico Mexicano, A.C. (DLM), a Mexican non-profit civil society organization, were directed towards the promotion and defense of human rights, specifically in four strategic areas:

I.1. Judicial and prosecutorial independence

In 2020, in order to influence 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 Courts, 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.

Such amparo trials are related to (i) the appointment of the head of the Specialized Prosecutor's Office for Corruption Control, (ii) the failure to appoint the Citizens' Advisory Board of the Attorney General's Office, (iii) the demand of access to information on the public hearing of Emilio Ricardo Lozoya Austin, (iv) the request for a public hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on Judicial Independence in Mexico, (v) the appointment of the head of the Specialized Human Rights Prosecutor's Office, (vi) the improper appointment of the head of the National Human Rights Commission, and (vii) against the integration of the shortlist of the three candidates and the appointment of minister of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation.

I.2. Strengthening and supporting civil society organizations, citizen collectives 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 filed, provides consultancy, sponsored and followed up on 4 amparo proceedings before District Courts, 11 appeals before Collegiate Courts, 1 Amicus Curiae; 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 UNCAS; as well as worked with national and international organizations for the protection and guarantee of human rights and anticorruption (UNCAS Coalition, FACTI Panel, UNGASS 2021).



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The cases in which DLM has been involved include: (i) the development of a platform to report acts of corruption during the treatment of Covid-19 and the administration of the vaccine , (ii) the sponsorship and follow-up of an amparo trial in which the violation of human rights derived from the Joint Agreement between Mexico and the U.S. on immigration matters was questioned, (iii) the support and consultancy in an amparo lawsuit against the omission to dictate pertinent measures to avoid the contagion of the migrant population expelled from the U.S. in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, (iv) the submission of a technical opinion as an Amicus Curiae against the Chief Supreme Prosecutor of the Public Prosecutor's Office of Peru who violated the Code of Ethics of the Lawyer, (v) the coordination with the Citizen Participation Committee of the National Anticorruption System in order to articulate a public policy for the problem given by the pandemic, (vi) presence at the session before the IACHR to address issues related to the follow-up of international human rights recommendation, (vii) the submission of its considerations on the legitimate interest of civil organizations in the fight against corruption as a member of the UNCAC Coalition, and (viii) the development of proposals to address transnational corruption gaps together with UNGASS.

In 2020 DLM provided 150 legal advisories, guiding, accompanying and following up on citizen complaints. Helping to interpret and learn about legal aspects, strengthening people's capacities and asserting their rights, providing support to continue promoting actions that improve respect for human rights in Mexico.

I.3. Public Procurement

In 2020, in order to influence the due attention, application 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 several requests for information before authorities of the Mexican State.

Such nullity lawsuit dealt with the irregular participation of the head of the Ministry of Public Administration in the purchase of pipes for the normalization of gasoline distribution in Mexico, as well as the invasion of powers of such Ministry over various authorities and entities of the Mexican State.



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I.4. Awareness of anti-corruption issues

In 2020, to encourage the creation of anti-corruption knowledge products and to promote judicial independence of the judiciary and the Attorney General's Office, as well as the respect for human rights in times of pandemic, and the protection of freedom of speech 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. In addition, DLM constantly publishes relevant blog posts on human rights, anti-corruption and other current issues.

II. Alliances with academics and national and international organizations

In order to achieve our goals, DLM has established new alliances and collaborations with academics, activists and national and international organizations, in addition to being members of the Pro Bono Mexico Network.

III. DLM. Authorized charitable organization and registered nonprofit organization

In 2020 DLM its registration of the Federal Registry of Civil Society Organizations, under the Registration Unique Code DHL15091509E53.

Likewise, in 2019 DLM received from the Mexican Tax Administration System (SAT) the authorization to receive tax-deductible donations, through the authorization letter 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, El Economista, La Jornada, El financiero reported on DLM's trials, performances and studies

DLM participated in several conferences, including: (i) Paris Peace Forum 2020: #WhistleBlowingCorruptionCoronavirus, (ii) UNCAC Coalition: Conversation on strategic litigation on corruption and human rights, (iii) First International Forum: Innovation in Justice, and (iv) Panel: Judicial Independence and Corruption: Consequences of corruption on the administration of justice.



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