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# PROLOGUE

The fight against corruption in 2021 did not show significant progress in Mexico. Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index 2021, published in January 2022, gave Mexico a score of 33 points out of 100, on a scale where 0 is very corrupt and 100 is very transparent. Although the federal and local governments have made a political commitment to fight against this phenomenon, the truth is that there is a lack of political will to implement policies, strategies, and lines of action to achieve this objective.

With special attention, this annual report for 2021 does not overlook the work that civil society organizations and the media have done to demonstrate the aforementioned lack of political will, but also to reveal possible acts of corruption by Mexican officials that should be investigated and sanctioned by the country's anti-corruption agencies.

The civil society that observes and reports possible acts of impropriety has seen how the Mexican State authorities have responded to these revelations with ad personem criticisms and extrajudicial investigations. The highest authorities of the State have sought to detract from the work of civil society and the press. The Judiciary has imposed more barriers to civil organizations and human rights defenders to represent collective interests in court.

The Mexican State has failed to guarantee fundamental rights, especially those related to the right to live in an environment free of corruption and the right to have a good public administration. The authorities and agents of the State have forgotten the international commitments that different governments have historically assumed, thus failing to guarantee minimum rights provided, for example, in the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

DLM's work during 2021 was fierce against governments and institutions that, regardless of their party affiliation or ideological position, have seen the fight against corruption as a mere political banner but have decided not to act decisively against it.

In the face of Mexican governments' stonewalling and the constant imposition of barriers to civil society, DLM has sought encouragement and support from the international community to denounce the current poor state of democracy and the empty efforts of the Mexican State to declare zero tolerance for corruption. Recent geopolitical events in the world have demonstrated the strength and relevance of the international community, and this should be a driving force for civil society to demand change and that acts of corruption do not go unpunished.

**Carlos G. Guerrero Orozco**

Chairman of the Board of Directors of DLM

# I. ACTIVITIES BY STRATEGIC AREA

In 2021, DLM's activities as a non-profit civil organization were mainly directed towards the promotion and defense of human rights. Above all, because the prolongation of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic revealed and aggravated the State's deficiencies in guaranteeing and protecting people's rights.

On this basis, in the exercise of its institutional commitment, DLM developed activities to defend judicial Independence, 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 matters.

## I.1. JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE

Citizens have the right to have judges, magistrates and prosecutors who exercise their functions autonomously, away from any interference of political power or criminal organizations. Judges also have the right to have their independence guaranteed by the State. To defend this right, in 2021 DLM submitted information requests to various authorities and advised on the following strategic litigation cases:

### **Anti-Corruption Prosecutor**

DLM provided support and advice to various civil organizations and human rights defenders, and followed up on the case of the appointment of the head of the Special Prosecutor's Office for Combating Corruption at the national level, which was processed before the Tenth District Court on Administrative Matters in Mexico City under case number 630/2019. The lawsuit questioned that the Attorney General of the Republic and the Mexican Senate had not complied with the requirements and standards provided by law for the appointment of such person. The review stage of the judgment issued in the first instance continued and the Fourth Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters of the First Circuit in the appeal for review (*amparo en revision*) 1/2021 determined in 2021 the impossibility to fight the unconstitutionality and unconventionality of the challenged acts (due to the alleged lack of legitimate legal interest of DLM).

### **Citizens' Advisory Board of the Attorney General's Office**

DLM provided support and advice to various civil associations and human rights defenders in the amparo proceeding against the Senate and the Attorney General of the Republic, for the failure to appoint the Citizen Council of the Attorney General's Office, a citizen body whose purpose is to supervise 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 was filed before the Tenth District Court in Administrative Matters in Mexico City under file number 1496/2019, is awaiting the resolution of the review stage of the judgment issued in the first instance before the Nineteenth Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters of the First Circuit.

On the other hand, the different amparo proceeding filed under case number 1617/2019 before the First District Court in Administrative Matters in Mexico City, continued its proceedings and in 2021 the Seventeenth Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters of the First Circuit confirmed the judgment appealed in the *amparo en revision* (appeal for review) 74/2021 and determined the impossibility of the civil society organizations to fight the unconstitutionality and unconventionality of the challenged acts.

### ***Habeas Data Constitutional Proceeding***

DLM, reiterating its commitment to fight corruption, advised and followed up on an *amparo habeas data*<sup>[1]</sup> before the Eighth District Court on Administrative Matters in Mexico City, under file number 1106/2020, given the refusal of the Federal Judiciary Council to grant access to a hearing in the criminal proceedings against the former director of Petróleos Mexicanos, Emilio Lozoya Austin –and the confirmation of that refusal by the National Institute of Transparency, Access to Information and Protection of Personal Data (INAI). DLM asked the judge to interpret the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). In a final decision, subsequently confirmed by the Seventh Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters of the First Circuit in *amparo en revisión* 266/2021, the constitutional protection was granted. As a result, INAI and the Federal Judiciary Council are obliged to guarantee access to Emilio Lozoya Austin's hearing. DLM has followed up and is awaiting the execution of the sentence.

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[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 provided support and advice to various civil associations and human rights defenders and followed up on the case of the appointment of the head of the Special Prosecutor's Office for Human Rights, an *amparo* proceeding filed before the First District Court on Administrative Matters under file number 1204/2019. The *amparo* lawsuit alleged that the Attorney General of the Republic did not comply with the requirements and standards for the appointment of such person. In the *amparo* proceeding it was determined that civil society organizations do not have legitimate interest to challenge this type of resolutions. Such resolution was confirmed in 2021 by the First Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters of the First Circuit in the *amparo en revisión* under file 144/2021.

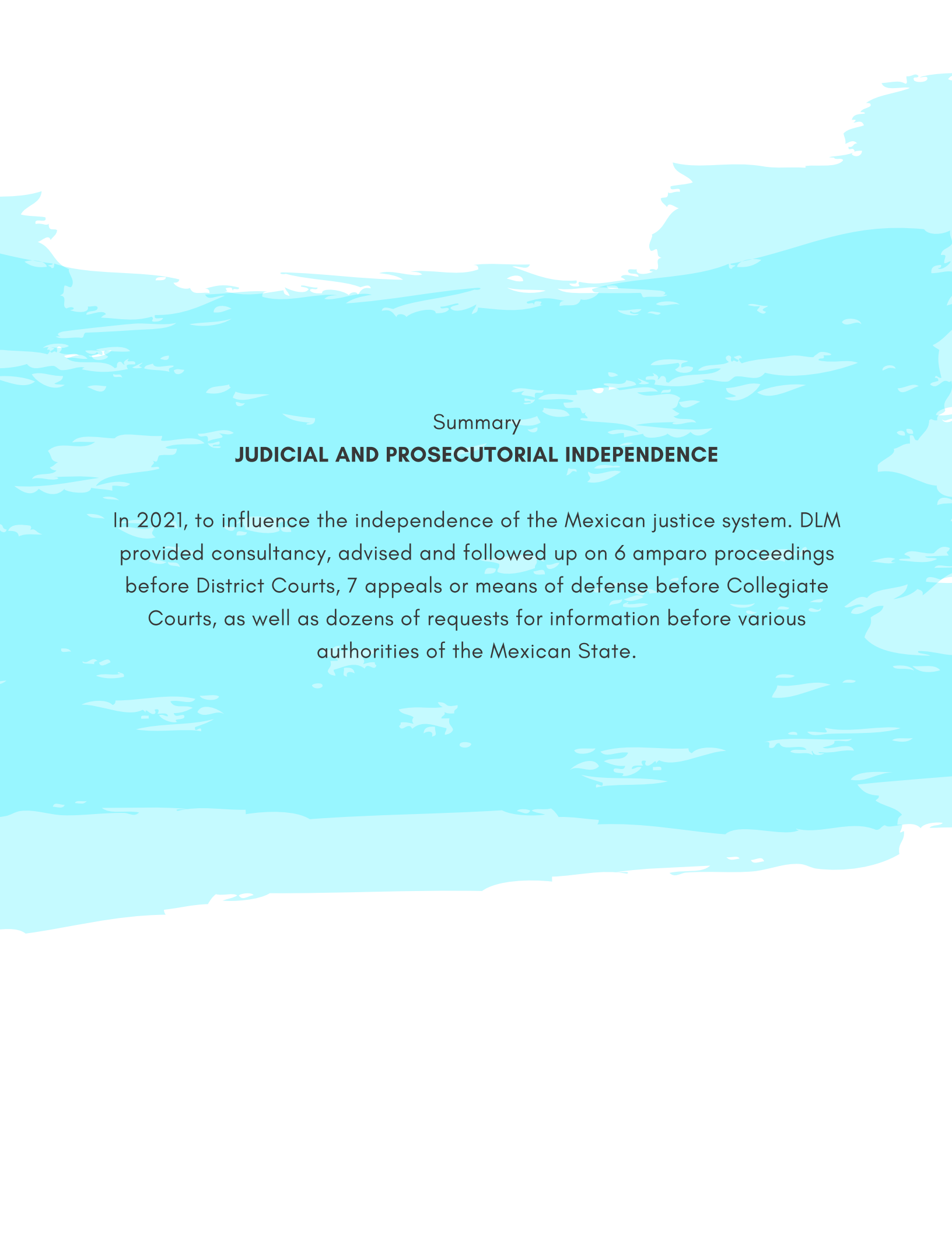
## Attorney General's Office Law

DLM provided support and advice to various civil associations and human rights defenders in the *amparo* lawsuits against the publication of the Attorney General's Office Law of 2021 and the consequent abrogation of the Organic Law of the Attorney General's Office of 2018. It was identified that the new law violates principles of progressivity, judicial independence, transparency, citizen participation and accountability. The law represents the concentration of power in the head of the Prosecutor's Office for the appointment of specialized Prosecutors, the loss of autonomy and independence of the Specialized Prosecutor's Offices and represents a legislative regression by the standards that were contemplated in the abrogated Organic Law.

The *amparo* proceeding filed by certain human rights defenders was processed before the Sixth District Court in Administrative Matters in Mexico City under file number 801/2021, which determined<sup>[2]</sup> that such defenders do not have standing to challenge the Law of the Attorney General's Office. The matter is being processed to resolve the appeal for review filed against the final judgment.

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[2] The first instance sentence was issued by the Fourth District Court of the Ninth Region Auxiliary Center with residence in Zacatecas in aid of the Sixth District Court in Administrative Matters in Mexico City.



## Summary

### **JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE**

In 2021, to influence the independence of the Mexican justice system. DLM provided consultancy, advised and followed up on 6 amparo proceedings before District Courts, 7 appeals or means of defense before Collegiate Courts, as well as dozens of requests for information before various authorities of the Mexican State.

## I.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. Thus, given the recent stigmatization of the work of civil society and human rights defenders, it is necessary to support, recognize and respect the collective efforts of civil society organizations.

Through advisory and consulting services, 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 following are the advisory projects in which DLM has been involved:

### ***#WhistleblowingCorruptionCoronavirus***

### ***#WhistleblowCorruptionVaccines***

In 2021, we continued to develop and monitor the platform for reporting corruption in times of COVID-19 ("#DenunciaCorrupcionCoronavirus" and "#DenunciaCorrupcionVacunas"), so that citizens can 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, has handled more than 600 complaints. The platform has also registered the deficiencies and omissions of the Federal Government in addressing the pandemic, as well as being a useful tool for the identification, registration, and reporting of acts of corruption, which has 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 continued to provide support and advice to various civil associations and human rights defenders regarding the constitutionality of the Joint Agreement entered in 2019 between Mexico and the United States of America on immigration matters, in which it is questioned that various rights of persons in mobility (migrants, asylum and refugee seekers) were violated in its execution. The *amparo* proceeding, which was filed before the Eleventh District Court on Administrative Matters in Mexico City under file number 985/2019, is currently in the review stage of the judgment issued in the first instance, before the Twentieth Collegiate Court on Administrative Matters of the First Circuit and under file number 354/2021.

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

DLM continued to provide support and advice to various civil associations and human rights defenders in their efforts to bring to light the Mexican State's failure to take measures to prevent contagion in persons returning from the United States of America during the COVID-19 pandemic. The related *amparo* proceedings are being processed (i) before the Second District Court in the State of Chihuahua, with residence in Chihuahua, under file number 570/2020; (ii) before the Fifth District Court in Amparo and Federal Proceedings in the State of Baja California, with residence in Tijuana, under file number 293/2020; and (iii) 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 *Consejo de Salubridad General* (General Health Council), the Local and Federal Ministries of Health, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Institute of Migration, among other authorities, to comply with international requirements and standards for the special protection of the migrant population and the guarantee of the right to health in migrant stations due to the health contingency caused by COVID-19.

DLM's work has contributed to the granting of judgement for the complainants in the *amparo* lawsuit 570/2020, in which constitutional protection was granted to force the Mexican Government (more than seven national agencies and more than five local agencies) to take specific actions to protect and guarantee the human rights of migrants and asylum seekers, among them, specifically to issue a Family Reunification Protocol for Migrant Children and Adolescents. *Amparo* judgement 570/2020 won second place at the Americas level before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' 2021 Judgment Competition for developing criteria in favor of migrants and asylum seekers.

## UNCAC Coalition

As an [active member](#) of the UNCAC Coalition, in 2021 DLM participated in conversations and private work sessions with anti-corruption organizations from all continents, with the objective 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. This is aimed at strengthening and supporting civil society organizations, citizen groups and individuals around the world.

Regarding the relevant petition called "Petition on beneficial ownership" sponsored by Transparency International (based in Berlin), DLM made considerations related to the identification of final beneficiaries in the fight against corruption and carried out advocacy actions with the Mexican State authorities.

Also, DLM carried out work and collaborations with UNCAC on victims of corruption in preparation for the Council of State Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (CoSP) held in Egypt, which was collected by the U.S. expert Richard Messick in the blog "[Civil Society to the CoSP: Corruption Victims Are Entitled to Compensation](#)".

## UNGASS 2021

In the framework of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Anti-Corruption in June 2021 (UNGASS), DLM collaborated with international organizations to highlight to States the remaining gaps in the international anti-corruption framework.

In 2021 DLM obtained special accreditation for the event as a civil society organization, issued by the President of the United Nations General Assembly. In the framework of that session, DLM subscribed and contributed to the report "UNGASS 2021: Commit to Transparency in Company Ownership for the Common Good" and was present at the panel entitled "Addressing corruption in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic". In particular, DLM focused its considerations on the role of the victims of corruption, the reporting of corruption and the reparation of damages as a consequence of corruption. DLM campaigned aimed at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its head, Marcelo Ebrard Casaubón, to commission an ad hoc group of experts to develop concrete solutions and propose frameworks and structures to address the gaps and weaknesses of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), as well as to address the commitments made at UNGASS'21.

## **9th United Nations Convention against Corruption**

As part of the UNCAC Coalition, DLM and various organizations made a statement to recognize victims of corruption at the 9th United Nations Convention Against Corruption (COSP9) held in Egypt. The proposal by the UNCAC Coalition's working group on victims of corruption was presented at the session under document number [CAC/COSP/2021/NGO/8](#).

## **International Anti-Corruption Academy**

In 2021 DLM, in order to strengthen international and academic cooperation links, participated in the meeting with civil society on anti-corruption issues organized by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and held in Mexico City, which aimed to highlight the efforts of Mexican civil society and its actors in the fight against corruption to achieve a perspective attached to the reality of the current context in Mexico.

## ***“Colectivo contra la Impunidad”***

DLM coordinated efforts with the Colectivo contra la Impunidad (Collective Against Impunity) to guarantee the autonomy and independence of the Attorney General's Office as a law enforcement body. DLM has made public its position regarding the setback in access to justice, victim protection, citizen participation and accountability, as well as judicial independence -especially in the appointment of the heads of the Specialized Prosecutors of the Attorney General's Office-. Together with the various organizations and members of the aforementioned collective, different statements were articulated and meetings were coordinated with authorities such as the President of the National Human Rights Commission, senators of the Chamber of Senators of the Mexican Congress, among other people and authorities, to show the work of civil organizations in the fight against corruption and the defense of the rule of law and judicial independence.

## **Citizen attention**

In 2021, DLM provided more than 76 legal advisories, in order to guide, accompany and follow up on citizen complaints that were submitted to DLM's attention mailbox, available at [www.dlmex.org](#). DLM helped people to interpret and understand the legal aspects, strengthen people's capacities and train them to assert their rights. DLM is in direct contact with citizens, providing support to continue promoting actions that guarantee respect for human rights in Mexico.

## **Defense of Civil Society Organizations**

DLM and various civil society organizations (CSOs), collectives and citizens condemned the reform of Article 256 of the Criminal Code for Mexico City, which criminalizes directors and administrators of Civil Associations. This represents a violation of the principle of taxation and minimum intervention of criminal law, and harms the freedom of association of civil organizations. Likewise, the reform implies a direct attack on the legitimacy, function and freedom of association in the face of an evident violation of international standards in the fight against corruption and freedom of association that bind the actions of the Mexican State. Moreover, DLM filed a complaint before the Human Rights Commission of Mexico City (CDHCDMX) registered under folio 20306, which led to and contributed to the Action of unconstitutionality 106/2021 by the CDHCDMX, and its accumulate 108/2021 by the National Human Rights Commission against article 256 of the Criminal Code for Mexico City. Both Actions of unconstitutionality were admitted and are in process.

## Summary

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

In 2021, DLM promoted the strengthening of civil organizations, citizen groups and individuals before administrative authorities and federal courts. As a result, DLM advised and followed up on 4 amparo proceedings before District Courts, 10 appeals or legal remedies before Collegiate Courts, 1 complaint before the Human Rights Commission of Mexico City, 76 legal advisories to citizens, as well as continued with the development of the national platform *#DenunciaCorrupciónCoronaVirus* and *#DenunciaCorrupciónVacunas*. It also initiated a campaign aimed at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs towards the implementation of the UNCAC, and worked with national and international organizations in the defense and protection of human rights and the fight against corruption (UNCAC Coalition, IACA, UNGASS 2021, *Colectivo contra la Impunidemia*).



## **I.3. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

The Mexican State, for the acquisition of any product or public good, must comply with strict processes to ensure the best available conditions in terms of price, quality, financing and opportunity. This also implies the right of citizens to have their officials manage public resources efficiently, effectively, economically, transparently and honestly. The increase in direct awards and the safeguarding of information on public procurement, both for the response to the pandemic and for the development of works and mega-projects of the current federal administration, has highlighted the critical importance of this aspect in the fight against corruption.

To defend this last right, in 2021 DLM continued the procedures and requests listed below:

### **Purchase of tanker trucks for the transportation of gasoline**

In 2021 DLM advised and followed up on the compliance with the judgment of the direct amparo trial before the Eighteenth Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters in the First Circuit under file 637/2019, initiated since 2019, which derived from the nullity lawsuit filed against the irregular participation of the head of the Ministry of Public Function of the federal government in the purchase in 2019 of 500 60,000 liter pipelines 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. On December 2, 2021, the execution was deemed to have been complied with.



## Summary

### **PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

In 2021, in order to influence the efficiency, due attention, application and exercise of public resources for the purchase of public property, DLM followed up on 1 amparo proceeding before Collegiate Courts, as well as several requests for information before Mexican State authorities.

## I.4. AWARENESS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION ISSUES

Another of DLM's activities is the creation of products that increase the general public's knowledge on specific topics related to anti-corruption and accountability.

### **Opinion articles and editorials**

In 2021, DLM, its founders, members and collaborators published articles and studies on anti-corruption, legitimate interest, transparency, judicial independence, high public office appointments and the right to privacy of public officials, among other topics shown below:

#### **"Access to justice in Mexico during the Covid-19 pandemic: Analysis on the performance of the Judiciary of the Federation."**

In coordination with Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático de Derecho and with the collaboration of different organizations, we published the report that analyzes and documents the measures and actions of the Federal Judiciary in respecting and guaranteeing the human rights of the population and access to justice during the pandemic, as well as the obstacles and challenges that arose. ([See analysis here](#))


#### **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.

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



## Summary

### **AWARENESS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION ISSUES**

In 2021, in order to promote judicial independence and the independence of the Attorney General's Office, as well as respect for human rights in times of pandemic, and the protection of freedom of expression and 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 & 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**)
- International Anti-Corruption Academy (Vienna).
- 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 (**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**).
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We are also members of the [Pro Bono Mexico Network](#) and the [UNCAC Coalition](#).

### **III. DLM. AUTHORIZED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND REGISTERED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

In 2021, DLM obtained its registration as a service provider in the electronic system of governmental public information on public procurement (*CompraNet*), which is mandatory for the subjects indicated in Article 1 of the Law on Public Sector Procurement, Leasing and Services (LAASSP) and the Law on Public Works and Related Services (LOPSRM). The *CompraNet* system is managed and operated by the Public Procurement Policy Unit (UPCP) of the Ministry of Public Administration (SFP).

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 2021, DLM's work was recognized and highlighted by the media, national and international organizations. News portals such as Human Rights Watch, Latin Us, Proceso, El Financiero, among others, reported on DLM's work, research and studies. Some of them are listed below:

### International press

*"Letter to Members of the UN's General Assembly Regarding the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs"* ([Human Rights Watch](#))

*"Civil society organizations in the region reject the capture of the Constitutional Court and the Attorney General's Office in El Salvador and warn that the principle of separation of powers in the country is being affected."* ([IFEX](#))

*"Organizaciones civiles de CA rechazan la remoción de la Sala Constitucional y la Fiscalía General en El Salvador"* 2 ([Criterio Honduras](#))

*"ONGs exigen la destitución de Gertz Manero tras exoneración de la FGR a Cienfuegos"* ([Latin us](#))

### National press

*"Juez de Chihuahua obliga a Salud a elaborar un plan para evitar contagios de COVID-19 en migrantes"* ([Animal Político](#))

*"Un alivio para los migrantes"* ([Proceso](#))

*"Organizaciones piden al Presidente quitar del cargo a Gertz Manero"* ([Agencia Quadratín](#))

*"Justicia y pandemia" - Jose Ramón Cossío Díaz* ([El Universal](#))

*"Con Gertz Manero prevalece balance negativo en la FGR: Colectivo Contra la Impunidad"* ([MVS](#))

*"Que Senado llame a comparecer a Gertz Manero y rinda cuentas, exigen colectivos"* ([Proceso](#))

*"Colectivos reprueban al fiscal Alejandro Gertz"* ([El financiero](#))

## Conferences

### **"Corruption in the era of COVID-19: An impediment to global health, human rights, and development".**

DLM, through its co-founder Carlos G. Guerrero Orozco, participated as a speaker at the event organized by the Center for International human rights and Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and the Institute for Global Affairs as an alternative event to UNGASS'21 on the fight against corruption, where DLM was able to share its experiences advising organizations and advocates that act through strategic litigation to fight corruption in times of COVID-19 and the different challenges and obstacles they face as an impediment to development and respect for human rights. ([See mention here](#))

### ***Online Discussion of Transparent Public Procurement Report por el Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)***

The event brought together leading civil society organizations, international experts and government representatives from around the world working on the issues of government accountability, good governance and public procurement. ([See event here](#))

### **Forum: Civil Society Organizations, their participation and challenges in Mexico**

As part of the series of conferences "Balance with Civil Society Organizations, Strategy for Fundraising", AmorxMH and the Mayor's Office of Miguel Hidalgo, where the topic of financing organizations was discussed, and different lines of action were presented to achieve this goal, such as developing a strategy that includes prospecting donors; taking advantage of tax deductions and corporate social responsibility; carrying out financial campaigns, special events and approaching international foundations. ([See forum information here](#))

### **Panel: Judicial Independence and Corruption: Impact of Corruption on the Proper Administration of Justice.**

DLM through its co-founder Carlos G. Guerrero Orozco, participated in the panel organized by the Observatory of Rights and Justice (ODJ) in the framework of the anti-corruption program for young people, called MUNAC. ([See panel here](#))



## **National Open Data Conference in Mexico (DATACON 2021)**

The National Open Data Conference (DATACON) organized by the National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Protection of Personal Data (INAI) and Codeando Mexico A.C., sought to establish a platform to analyze and discuss the state of the open data agenda in Mexico. ([See event here](#))

## **UNCAC Coalition Introductory Meeting for Caribbean CSOs by UNCAC Coalition**

DLM as part of the UNCAC Coalition was present at the meeting where several organizations based in Caribbean countries participated in order to increase our impact throughout the hemisphere, and above all to deepen the working links between Latin America and its neighbors. ([See event here](#))

## **"How to leverage legal actions to challenge corruption. Presentation of the Legal Guide to Fight Corruption".**

DLM was present at the event organized by Action4Justice and ImpunidadCero for the presentation of the Legal Guide to Fight Corruption. The guide is created to have a general scope and presents the international standards on the subject, it also provides concrete examples on the steps to follow according to the various legal systems and jurisdictions, and practical advice with a cross-cutting approach. ([See guide here](#))

## **Hackaton Discorruption 2021**

DLM participated with the discorruption talk "El ABC de la Corrupción" by Carlos Guerrero, which addressed the reporting of acts of corruption for the 2021 version of the Hackaton organized by the Transparency and Anti-Corruption Initiative of the Tecnológico de Monterrey. ([See presentation here](#))

## **Appleseed-USAID-Mañón Abogados: Human rights strategic litigation workshop for CSO's ([See workshop here](#))**

### **"Networks of Ibero-American prosecutors in the fight against corruption".**

DLM was present at the event parallel to the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly organized by the Specialized Networks of the Ibero-American Association of Public Prosecutors (AIAMP), EuroSocial, and the European Union. The event focused on the most advanced tools for effective international cooperation in asset investigations, best practices to identify and control transnational illicit financial practices and asset recovery, and the perspective of corruption as a facilitator of other crimes and their differential impact on women. ([See event here](#))

### **"Synergizing SDG 16.10 and UNCAC to fight corruption"**

DLM attended the side event to the UN General Assembly Special Session organized by Article 19. The panel highlighted the synergies between the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16.10, examining public access to information as a factor in prevention and enforcement, and how the capacity of journalists and anti-corruption organizations to operate effectively enhances the implementation of UNCAC and the SDGs. ([See event here](#))

### **"CoSP 9 side event: Anti-corruption prosecutors under attack"**

DLM attended the side event to the UN General Assembly Special Session organized by the Basel Institute of Governance. The panel of international experts discussed the steps that need to be taken by various stakeholders to protect prosecutors and, by extension, protect the UNCAC. The event explored how lawfare – law used as a weapon – targets anti-corruption prosecutors and undermines their vital role in the fight against corruption. The panel gave examples of how defense lawyers use strategies such as bribery, intimidation and filing baseless lawsuits to distract and exhaust prosecutors. ([See panel here](#))

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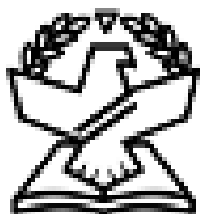
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