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# Annual report 2021

Summary

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WITH A HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE**



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## I. Activities by strategic area

In 2021, 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 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.

Such *amparo* proceedings are related to (i) the appointment of the head of the Specialized Prosecutor's Office for Combating Corruption, (ii) the omission to appoint the Citizen Council of the Attorney General's Office, (iii) the request for access to information regarding the public hearing of Emilio Ricardo Lozoya Austin, (iv) the appointment of the head of the Specialized Prosecutor's Office for Human Rights, (v) the reform to the Attorney General's Office Law.

### I.2. 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 Impunidademia*).

### I.3. 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**

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**

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 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).

## **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:

In 2021, DLM participated in several conferences and events, including: (i) "Corruption in the era of COVID-19: An impediment to global health, human rights, and development", (ii) UNCAC Coalition Introductory Meeting for Caribbean CSOs by UNCAC Coalition (iii) National open data conference in Mexico (iv) "Networks of Ibero-American prosecutors in the fight against corruption". ", (iv) "Synergizing SDG 16.10 and UNCAC to fight corruption", (v) "CoSP 9 side event: Anti-corruption prosecutors under attack" , among others.



## V. Our team

**Carlos G. Guerrero Orozco.** He is co-founder and president of DLM. He has consulted for the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. and Transparency International in Madrid on anti-corruption issues. He is a litigation lawyer in Mexico and leads the area of anti-corruption litigation and compliance for public sector companies at López Melih y Estrada, a law firm. He holds a law degree from the *Escuela Libre de Derecho* (Mexico City) and a master's degree in government and public administration from the *Instituto Universitario de Investigación Ortega y Gasset* (Madrid). Follow him on [Linkedin](#) and [Twitter](#).

**Jorge A. Cardoso Sánchez.** He is co-founder and secretary of DLM. He has worked for the then Federal Court of Tax and Administrative Justice of Mexico (currently Federal Court of Administrative Justice), for Grupo Modelo and for specialized law firms in Mexico City. He holds a law degree from the *Escuela Libre de Derecho* and a master's degree constitutional procedural law from the *Universidad Panamericana*. He is the founder and managing partner of CS Abogados. Follow him on [Linkedin](#) and [Twitter](#).

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