

## EDUCATION

**New York University, New York, USA** August 2002 - May 2003

*LLM in Public Service Law*

Specialization: International Protection of Human Rights

Honors: Global Public Service Law Scholarship  
Institute for Human Rights and Global Justice Summer Internship  
Global Public Service Law Post Graduation Fellowship

**University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil** March 2001 - July 2002

*Master in Political Science* (incomplete: pending dissertation)

Research Area: Development and Human Rights

Honors: FAPESP (Fundacao de Apoio a Pesquisa do Estado de Sao Paulo) research scholarship

**University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil** February 1993 - December 1997

*Bachelor in Law*

## EXPERIENCE

**Human Rights Watch** January 2006 - present date

*Angola Consultant*

Monitored the overall human rights situation in Angola; organized missions to the country; interviewed victims and witnesses of human rights violations; prepared reports and other research documents on human rights related topics, including press releases.

**United Nations** April 2005 - December 2005

**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**Research and Right to Development Branch**

*Human Rights Officer*

Assisted the mandate on adequate housing; drafted letters and reports; participated in meetings with other international organizations, NGOs and diplomatic missions; assisted in the organization of country missions; general research activities on housing-related topics.

**Instituto Pro Bono** August 2004 - April 2005

*Deputy Director*

Practiced public interest law litigation and provided pro bono legal counseling to civil society organizations and social movements. These included legal procedures to recognize land rights of two Quilombo's communities and an amicus curie before the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the regulation applicable to the lands occupied by those communities; legal orientation on housing rights to the Housing Rights Movement of Downtown Sao Paulo; legal opinions on tax exemptions (land and urban taxes) applicable to low income neighborhoods in Sao Paulo metropolitan area; questioned the legality of municipal regulation excluding civil society representation before Sao Paulo's regional administration offices. Managed the Institute's projects, including the organization of events and capacity building programs, research activities and the preparation of publications on public interest law.

**Conectas Human Rights****April 2004 - July 2004***Researcher*

Coordinated a research project on access to justice and reform of the Judiciary, reviewing the experience (impact and possibilities of convergence) of the Centers for the Integration of Citizenship (project created by the Secretariat of Justice of the State of Sao Paulo) and the Small Claims Court (a branch of the Federal Tribunal in Sao Paulo). Research requested and financed by UNDP and the Brazilian Ministry of Justice.

**Conectas Human Rights****January 2004 - April 2004***Visiting Fellow (Global Public Service Law Post Graduation Fellowship / New York University)*

Presented cases of human rights violations before domestic courts. These cases included, among others, civil actions questioning the unhealthy situation of the juvenile detention centers in the City of Sao Paulo, the lack of accessibility in Sao Paulo's subway trains and stations, amicus curiae before the Supreme Court on issues like quotas in universities for afro-descendants and the constitutionality of the Brazilian Disarmament Statute, and filed urgent petitions against public authorities to require the application of constitutional norms that provided for the immediate supply by the public health system of some medicine and health treatments and equipment.

**European Roma Rights Center****September 2003- December 2003***Visiting Fellow (Global Public Service Law Post Graduation Fellowship / New York University)*

Assisted on the preparation of cases to be presented before the European and UN Human Rights systems concerning, among others, the violation of health, reproductive and housing rights of the Roma community in different European countries.

**Federation Internationale des Ligues des Droits de L'Homme June 2003 - September 2003***Visiting Fellow (Global Public Service Law Post Graduation Fellowship / New York University)*

Participated in the preparation of reports of FIDH missions to Latin America and Portuguese speaking African countries, assisted on the organization of missions (logistics and contacts with local organizations).

**Human Rights University Consortium****September 2000 - July 2002****(Columbia University, University of Sao Paulo and Catholic University of Sao Paulo)***Executive Secretary*

Participated in the conception and was responsible for the organization of the I and II annual International Human Rights Colloquium and other capacity building programs, including programs directed to community leaders and students. Drafted annual activities' reports. Prepared learning materials for the mentioned projects. Participated in the planning and initial implementation activities of DialogoDH, a South-South network of human rights advocates. Participated in the creation of the Human Rights Monitors, program designed to promote advocacy in human rights among young university students.

**Center for the Study of Violence****June 2000 - September 2000****University of Sao Paulo***Researcher*

Assisted in the revision activities of the National Program for Human Rights of the Brazilian Federal Government

**Inter-American Commission on Human Rights****January 2000 - May 2000***Intern*

Drafted reports on individual cases and on the situation of human rights in Brazil. Reviewed and analyzed the admissibility of cases presented to the Commission.

Center for Justice and International Law - CEJIL      January 2000 - May 2000  
*Intern*

Drafted petitions and other legal documents to be presented before Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Attended hearings. Prepared memoranda and research opinions.

Theotonio Villela Commission on Human Rights      July 1999 - December 1999  
*Legal Consultant*

Provided legal counseling to victims of institutional (mainly police) violence. Drafted reports on human rights related issues. Followed up institutional violence cases before the national courts.

Tozzini, Freire, Teixeira e Silva Advogados      January 1998 - June 1999  
*Attorney-at-Law*

Advised clients on environmental matters, land issues and urban regulation. Assisted in the conduction of due diligences. Prepared memoranda and research opinions. Drafted legal documents including contracts, registration papers and litigation materials.

## LANGUAGES

- Portuguese: native speaker
- English: fluent
- Spanish: fluent
- French: intermediate

## OTHER FORMAL TRAINING

- I, II and IV International Human Rights Colloquium, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Government School, University of Sao Paulo (USP), Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Public Policies and Human Rights, Center for the Study of Human Rights, USP, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- International Institute for Human Rights, summer session, Strasbourg, France
- Course on the Justiciability of ESCRs, Abo Akademy, winter session, Turku, Finland

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Publication:

*Um Diálogo pela Igualdade: Estratégias para Fortalecimento do Movimento de Direitos Humanos no Hemisfério Sul*, in DORA, Denise (org.), DIREITO E MUDANCA SOCIAL, Ed. Renovar and Ford Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, 2002

Study Group on Justiciability of ESCRs - researcher

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES IN CIVIC, PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Brazilian Bar Association - member
- SUR - Human Rights University Network - member
- International Human Rights Colloquium - member of the organization team, working group coordinator
- Center for the Study of Human Rights - member
- Sao Paulo Center of Volunteers - member