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#### EDUCATION

- **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBIA**
  - **Master in Law / September 2013**  
Thesis title: [Access to information and judicial transparency in the prosecution of Human rights violations. A diagnosis of the state of impunity in cases of journalists murdered in Colombia.](#)
  - **Specialization in Constitutional law /September 2010.**
  - **Lawyer.** March 2010
- **COLEGIO REFOUS**  
Bachelor's Degree, November 2004

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Universidad de los Andes - Master in Journalism**  
Course: Freedom of Expression (February 2014 – present)
- **Universidad del Rosario**  
Journalism Program - Course “Policy and Media Law” (February 2016 – May 2019)
- **Unesco 2018-2019**  
Trainer of judicial operators through workshops on modules included at [Toolkit on freedom of expression, access to information and safety of journalists](#) in Bolivia, Mexico, and Colombia.

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#### WORK EXPERIENCE

- [\*\*Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa\*\* \(FLIP\)](#)  
Executive Director – Legal representative (August 2013 – present)
- [\*\*International Freedom of Expression Exchange - IFEX\*\*](#)  
Treasurer & Global Council member (April 2019 – present)
- [\*\*Media Freedom Coalition\*\*](#) – Advisory network member (January 2020 – Present)
- Founder and permanent panelist of [\*\*Presunto Podcast\*\*](#), a weekly podcast to analyze and critics on media coverage in Colombia. (voluntarily non remunerated / April 2018 – present)
- **Freedom House.** [\*\*Freedom of the NET\*\*](#) annual report. Country report author for Colombia. (2018 – present)
- International Freedom of Expression Exchange IFEX: Global council member (June 2017 – April 2019)
- UNESCO: Consultant for the Access to Information module included at the toolkit “[Comunicar derechos en el posconflicto](#)” (2018)
- Chairman Coordination Committee International Freedom of Expression Exchange IFEX-Latin America & Caribbean (October 2014 -December 2015)
- Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa (FLIP) / Legal advisor – No Impunity strategy (December 2010 – July 2013)
- Corporación – Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz  
Litigation of human rights violations (April 2010 – February 2011)
- Corporación - Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo.  
Legal assistant (June 2008 – March 2010)

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## LANGUAGES

- English
  - Spanish
  - Catalán (Acceptable knowledge)
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## DISTINCTIONS, RELEVANT LITIGATION CASES AND PUBLICATIONS

### Distinctions:

- [Reagan-Fascell Fellowship Award](#). Fall 2019 cohort. International Forum for Democratic Studies. National Endowment for Democracy. Washington DC. Oct 2019 – Feb 2020.
- [Journalist of the Year in representation of FLIP](#). Premio Nacional de Periodismo Simón Bolívar. Bogotá 2019.
- Special Recognition of the Jury in Critics of Media. [La frontera del amarillismo Presunto Podcast episode](#). Premio Nacional de periodismo Simón Bolívar. 2019

### Judicial cases.

- I was called by the Interamerican Court of Human Rights to present an expert witness testimony about the mechanisms to protect journalists in Colombia while this Tribunal was evaluating the case of [Nelson Carvajal Vs Colombia](#).
  - I legally represented the journalist [Jineth Bedoya Lima](#) in Colombian Judiciary, at the Interamerican Commission of Human Rights and at the Interamerican Court.
  - I legally represented Guillermo Cano's Family at the Interamerican Commission of Human Rights after I found [inaccurate procedures in this case](#) during its international evaluation.
  - I legally represented Luis Agustín González, the most relevant case of defamation attributed to a journalist at Colombian Supreme Court.
  - I was called by Colombia's Constitutional Court to offer concepts about freedom of expression and the [peace plebiscite regulation](#) and, [limits to free speech in social media](#).
  - I have pleaded at least 20 constitutional interventions about freedom of expression risks in several acts of Colombian parliament related to press freedom.
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### Projects led, editorial coordination and content author as Executive Director of FLIP

FLIP's Colombia <a href="#">press freedom annual reports</a> 2013 - 2019	Manual de protección para <a href="#">radio comunitaria</a> 2019
Journalists protection wiki <a href="#">J-Pro wiki</a> 2018	El Acuerdo de Paz en clave de libertad de prensa 2016
<a href="#">Periodismo Roto</a> 2019	Periodismo y libertad de prensa en internet. 2015
<a href="#">Pauta visible</a> 2018	Informe 2014 sobre Libertad de prensa durante los procesos electorales.
<a href="#">Liga Contra el silencio</a> 2017	Guía – Periodistas: ¿Cómo usar la nueva ley de acceso a la información? 2014.
<a href="#">Cartografías de la información</a> 2017	Manual. El Antes, durante y después para periodistas en Elecciones. 2014
Información al Derecho – Información para todos. Estándares constitucionales sobre el derecho de rectificación en Colombia. 2015	Manual de Acceso a la información pública. 2014
15 años de protección a periodistas en Colombia: esquivando la violencia sin justicia. 2015	Fuera de Juicio, Manual para periodistas denunciados por injuria y calumnia. 2014.
Manual antiespias. Herramientas para la protección digital de periodistas. 2015.	Guía para periodistas sobre solicitudes de <a href="#">rectificación y actualización</a>
Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos – Guardián del periodistas colombianos. 2013	Informe Autocensura en Córdoba – Las piezas del rompecabezas. 2015
Recomendaciones para el entendimiento de fuerza pública y periodistas. 2015	Manual de Autoprotección de periodistas. 2013