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She graduated as a lawyer from the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the Catholic University of Argentina at Rosario.

She holds a Ph.D. in Law (International Law) by the University of Buenos Aires. Her thesis was graded *Summa cum Laude* and awarded the "Faculty Prize" by the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires.

She has received scholarships to pursue postgraduate studies from the United Nations University (1995), The Hague Academy of International Law (1986, 1988, 1991, 1994), the Organization of American States (1989), the United Nations International Law Commission (Geneva, 1988) and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (Costa Rica, 1987).

She has been a conciliator and arbitrator (for Argentina) of the dispute settlement system of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea since 2009.

As a professor of Public International Law since 1987, she teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in Argentina and abroad. She is currently a full professor of public international law, after passing the required public competitive examination at the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, and is also a full professor at Austral University and at the University Institute of the Argentine Army.

In 1997 she was appointed to lead the creation of the National Commission on the Outer Limit of the Argentine Continental Shelf (COPLA). Ever since the formal creation of the Commission in 1998, she has served as its General Coordinator. As such, she has led the group of more than sixty professionals in charge of the scientific and legal work for the demarcation of the outer limit of the Argentine continental shelf. For this work she was awarded the "Senator Domingo Faustino Sarmiento" Honourable Mention by the Argentine Senate (2016).

Since 2001 she has served as an expert for the International Seabed Authority. From 2001 to 2011, she was a Member of the Legal and Technical Committee, and since 2012 she has been a Member of the Finance Committee.

She served as Legal Officer of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Argentine Republic from 1992 to 1997.

She is the author of three books and more than 50 book chapters and specialized articles, both in Argentina and abroad.

She has been part of the Argentine Delegation to meetings at international organizations such as the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf analyzing the Argentine submission (United Nations, New York), the International Seabed Authority (Kingston, Jamaica), technical meetings on the outer limits of the continental shelf with States with similar issues, such as Brazil, Uruguay, Denmark, Cuba and Ecuador, oral hearings before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and meetings of the United Nations related to the Law of the Sea, including, among others, Meetings of the "Working Group on biological diversity beyond the areas of national jurisdiction."