

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Laritza Diversent Cambara

#### Personal Information

- **Date of Birth:** June 4, 1980
- **Place of Birth:** Havana, Cuba
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#### Professional Profile

As a human rights attorney specializing in Cuban law and the island's repressive environment, I possess extensive experience in access to justice and the defense of Cuban civil society. I am the founder and Executive Director of Cubalex. This organization provides pro bono legal assistance to victims of human rights violations in Cuba. My experience includes successfully presenting cases before international bodies, such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations Human Rights System. Furthermore, I have served as an expert witness in asylum and international protection cases concerning Cuban migrants, offering testimony in immigration and refugee proceedings in the United States and other countries.

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#### Education

- **Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law – American University Washington College of Law, United States**
- **Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a specialization in Planning and Strategy – NUC University - South Florida, 2024 (Cum Laude)**
- **Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) – University of Havana, Cuba (2008)**

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#### Professional Experience

##### **Executive Director | Cubalex**

*(2010 - Present)*

- Founder and leader of **Cubalex**, an organization focused on access to justice and defending human rights in Cuba.

- Coordinate legal strategies and international advocacy in cases of political repression and fundamental rights violations.
- Representation of cases before international human rights protection bodies.
- Development of reports on the human rights situation in Cuba.
- Training for civil society actors on human rights protection mechanisms.
- **Expert witness in asylum and international protection cases**, analyzing the Cuban legal system and government repression.

## **Specialist in the Property Registry | Ministry of Justice, Cuba**

(2008 - 2012)

- Management and analysis of property records in the Arroyo Naranjo municipality, Havana.
- Application of legal regulations in property registration and validation processes.

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## **Training and Additional Studies**

- **Journalism Training** – *Florida International University, 2008*
- **Certification to Practice as a Property Registrar** – *Ministry of Justice, 2009*
- **Course on Publicity of Real Rights** – *University of Havana, 2010*
- **Course on Real Estate Transactions** – *University of Havana, 2012*
- **Public Relations Course** – *National Association of Innovators and Rationalizers (ANIR), 2000*
- **Introduction to Online Learning and Research** – *University of Texas at El Paso in collaboration with USINT, 2010*
- **Online Leadership Studies** – *University of Texas at El Paso in partnership with USINT, 2012*

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## **Languages**

- **Spanish:** Native
- **English:** Intermediate level (in progress)

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## **Recognitions and Achievements**

- In 2016, as part of the independent civil society delegation, I participated in a meeting with President **Barack Obama** during his historic visit to Cuba.
- Exiled in 2017 due to government persecution against **Cubalex** and its human rights advocacy work.

- Led efforts to document and denounce political repression in Cuba before international organizations.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

- **Cuban legal system and repressive context**
- Human Rights and Strategic Litigation
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Access to Justice and Legal Defense of Activists
- International Advocacy and Report Development
- Human Rights Training and Capacity Building
- Organizational Planning and Strategy
- **Expert testimony in asylum and international protection cases**

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