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In the professional field, Carlos Ayala has litigated various leading cases before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in areas of freedom of information and expression: Mauricio Herrera (Diario La Nacion), and Granier y otros (Radio Caracas Television-RCTV); independence of the judiciary: Reveron Trujillo, and Chocron Chocron; judicial guaranties, freedom of expression and political persecution: Alvarez Ramos; judicial guaranties, conditions of detention, forced disappearances, torture and summary executions: Montero Aranguren y otros (Reten de Catia), and Blanco Romero y otros; personal integrity and freedom of expression: Ríos y otros, y Perozo y otros. Also, has litigated various cases before the United Nations treaty bodies like the Human Rights Committee and Committee against Torture (and Special Procedures) and the Special Procedures in particular: Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions and, before several Special Rapporteurs.

Ayala has also litigated several cases before the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files. And in the field of International protection of foreign investments Ayala has been an independent Expert in several cases domestically and internationally (ICSID).

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