

Gabriel J. Ortiz Crespo

International Law Clerk

Gabriel J. Ortiz Crespo is an International Law Clerk with experience in international human rights law, international litigation, and advocacy before regional and international human rights bodies. His work has focused extensively on the Inter-American Human Rights System, including matters before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Prior to joining the firm, Gabriel represented victims of human rights violations before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. His experience includes developing litigation strategies, preparing legal briefs and evidentiary submissions, and advising individuals pursuing remedies through international human rights mechanisms. He successfully represented a torture victim in proceedings against Ecuador, resulting in a favorable merits decision recognizing violations of the American Convention on Human Rights and the Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture.

Gabriel has also served as Program Coordinator for the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law, where he led the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition and coordinated international academic programming addressing human rights issues. Previously, he served as a Human Rights Legal Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Venezuela before the Organization of American States and as International Litigation Coordinator for the Human Rights Commission of the Interim Government of Venezuela.

Earlier in his career, Gabriel served as an intern and professional visitor with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica, where his work included assisting with draft judgments and judicial opinions, analyzing evidence, and supporting public hearings. He has also served as an Assistant Professor at Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, teaching international law, legal ethics, and human rights.

Gabriel earned his LL.M. in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law from American University Washington College of Law, where he received a Human Rights Academy Scholarship, earned the highest-grade designation in several courses, and served on the Human Rights Brief. He also earned a Specialization Diploma in Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from Universidad de Buenos Aires and his law degree from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, where he ranked among the top five students in his class.

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Gabriel is admitted to practice law in Venezuela. He passed the New York Uniform Bar Examination in February 2026, with admission to the New York Bar pending completion of the remaining licensing requirements. A native Spanish speaker who is fluent in English.

Education

- American University Washington College of Law, LL.M., Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, 2022
- Universidad de Buenos Aires, Specialization Diploma, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2021
- Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Law Degree, 2019

Admissions/Memberships

- Venezuela
- New York, admission pending

Admitted only in Venezuela. Not admitted in any U.S. jurisdiction.

Languages

- Spanish
- English

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