

CURRICULUM VITAE
Prof. Dr.h.c. RENE BLATTMANN

Date of birth:	January, 28 th , 1948
Nationality:	Bolivian - Swiss
Civil status:	Married
Languages:	Spanish (mother tongue), German, English and French.

UNIVERSITY STUDIES - DIPLOMAS

- Diploma of the Academy of American and International Law, The Southwestern Legal Foundation – International Comparative Law Center, Dallas Texas. 1980.
- Attorney at Law Bolivian University, La Paz, Bolivia. 1973.
- Diplomas on Comparative Law, Association Internationale de Droit Comparé, Faculté Internationale pour l'Enseignement du Droit Comparé , 1972:
 - First Cycle, Strasbourg – France.
 - Second Cycle, Pescara – Italy.
- Law Degree (Iuris Utriusque Licentiatum), University of Basle Faculty of Law, Basle – Switzerland. 1972.

ACADEMIC CAREER

Bolivian Catholic University, La Paz, Bolivia, 1990 – 1994.

- Professor of Criminal Law, Law School.

San Andrés State University, La Paz, Bolivia, 1973-1980.

- Professor of Criminal Law.
- Professor at the Research Institute of Social Sciences.
- Delegate to the “Conference on Criminal Law” sponsored by the University of Chile (President of the Commission), Valparaiso, Chile.
- Professor at the Institute of International Studies.
- Secretary General.
- Acting Director of the Institute of International Studies.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- Assigned to Trial Chamber I for the Courts First Trial (Prosecutor vs. Thomas Lubanga in the situation of the Democratic Republic of Congo). 2007.
- Elected **2nd Vice President of the International Criminal Court**. 2006.
- Judge to the **International Criminal Court**. 2003.
- Director of the **Andean Jurists Commission (CAJ)**. 1997-2003.
- **President of the “Democracy, Justice and Solidarity Foundation” DEJUSOL**. 2001.
- Chief of the Area of Human Rights and Justice. **United Nations Human Rights Verification Mission** in Guatemala, responsible in charge of verification and accomplishment of the Global Agreement on Human Rights, established by the Peace Agreements.1998-2000.
- **Minister of Justice of Bolivia**. (Ministry composed of the Vice-Ministries of Justice and Human Rights), in charge of the national policy of defense, promotion and protection of human rights. 1994-1997.
- Practicing attorney at law. Independent Attorneys firm specialized in Criminal Law and general practice. 1975-1993.
- Participation as lecturer in international events related to Human Rights and Justice in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, China, Ecuador, Guatemala, Germany, Haiti, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Peru, USA, etc.

MEMBERSHIPS

- The La Paz Bar Association, Bolivia.
- The Bolivian Bar Association.
- Comisión Andina de Juristas - CAJ (Andean Jurists Commission), 1996.
- Honorary Life Membership in the “**Wilshire Bar Association**”, Los Angeles, USA, 1977.

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

Internationals Awards

- 2010 **Doctor Honoris Causa of Humboldt University, Berlin** for his commitment to the protection of Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings in Bolivia and to the development of International Criminal Law.
- 2005 Grand Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (**Bundesverdienstkreuz**).
- 2001 **International Prize Carl Bertelsmann 2001**, granted by the Carl Bertelsmann Foundation, Germany after a selection procedure among 39 transformation countries for his “outstanding efforts and contribution to the development of democracy and consolidation of the rule of law and promotion of civil participation as well as successful transformation of the political system and development processes”.
- 1998 **Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Basle**, Switzerland, as specific recognition for his “significant efforts in drafting and implementing the judicial reforms in Bolivia and his permanent engagement in the defense of human rights”.
- 1996 **Recognitions of the Andean Jurists Commission** for “defending democracy and promoting human rights”.
- 1995 **The Latin American Prize of Human Rights “Monseñor Leonidas Proaño”**, granted by the Asociación Latinoamericana de Derechos Humanos (ALDHU) for his “contributions to the causes of peace, justice and human rights”.
- 1995 Medal “**Diosa Temis**” granted by the National Foundation For and Interdisciplinary Studies of Colombia, for his “strong engagement on behalf of justice and law”.
- 1995 “**Honorary Member**” of the experts’ Law Association of Criminal Law of Bogota and Cundinamarca, Colombia.
- 1995 **International Prize “Robert G. Storey 1995, International Award of Leadership”**, granted by the Southwestern Legal Foundation on the Campus of the University of Texas, Dallas. USA.

Nationals Awards

2000	Distinction with the Coat of arms in the Grade of "Special Services" conferred by the City Council of La Paz .
1997	Distinction by the National Chamber of Commerce "for his contribution to justice and law".
1997	Distinction by the Superior Court of Justice of Santa Cruz "for his work in modernizing the Bolivian judicial system".
1997	Distinction by the Superior Court of Justice of Tarija "for his great contribution to the cause of justice in Bolivia. 1995
1996	Diploma granted by the Journalists' Association of the city of La Paz "for his positive contribution to the modernization of laws".
1995	Distinguished with the "Gold Emblem" of the Bolivian National Police .

MAIN REFORMS IMPLEMENTED AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF BOLIVIA in the human rights area.

- Organization of the newly created Ministry of Justice.
- Law of "**Abolición de Prisión y Apremio Corporal por Obligaciones Patrimoniales**" (Abolition of Prison and Compulsory Procedures for Debts and Obligations), 1994.
- Law of "**Indulto para Menores y Ancianos**" (Exemption for underage and aged persons in prison), 1995.
- Law of "**Fianza Juratoria contra la Retardación de Justicia Penal**" (Bail surety against delay in criminal justice), 1996
- Implementation of **The National Program from Public Defense** with offices nationwide and the Rural Mobile Public Defense. in conflict zones, particularly in indigenous areas.
- Opening of the **First Office for Human Rights in Chimoré, Chapare**. (A branch of the Executive Power created for the defense and promotion of human rights in specific conflict indigean areas).
- **Reforms to the Criminal Code**. Addressing issues of rule of law, constitutional guarantees, impunity, organized crime, enhancing of judicial and citizens safety and fight against corruption, 1997.
- **Draft Law of the Code of Criminal Procedures**. (Related to the protection of citizens human rights and guarantees, the introduction of the Oral Prosecutorial System, and the recognition of the indigenous comunitary justice. Presented and approved later on by the Bolivian Congress).
- **Draft Laws on the creation of the Constitutional Court, the Judicial Council and the Ombudsman**, were presented and approved later on by the Bolivian Congress