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POSITIONS PERFORMED: Founding partner of Zacarias & Fernández. Paraguayan Bar Association Delegate before many international events. General Secretary of the Paraguayan Association of Industrial Property Agents. Member of the International Trademark Committee of the International Trademark Association. Chairman of the Mercosur Committee of the International Trademark Association. Chairman of the Free Trade of the Americas Committee of INTA. Member of the Trademark Committee of the Interamerican Association of Industrial Property. Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Intellectual Property Committee of the Interamerican Bar Association. Founding member and Trustee of the Board of Directors of the Paraguayan National Group of AIPPI. Co-Organizer and Lecturer of the First National Seminar on Industrial Property (Paraguay). Advisory Board Member of BNA International. Member for Paraguay of the Council of the Interamerican Bar Association. President of the Paraguayan Institute of Industrial Property Agents. Consultant of the Paraguayan Government on Intellectual Property Legislation and of the FTAA Negotiations. Lecturer in several Seminars organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization addressed to Paraguayan Judges, Public Prosecutors, Custom Authorities and Police Forces.

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CO-AUTHOR: "Recent Amendments of Trademark Law in Paraguay".
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PARTICIPATION IN ARBITRAL ENTITIES:

- a) Main Permanent Arbitrator representing the Republic of Paraguay in the newly constituted Arbitral Tribunal of Mercosur.
- b) Arbitrator of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- c) Arbitrator of the International Arbitration Forum.
- d) Member of the Panel of Neutrals of the International Trademark Association.
- e) Arbitrator of the International Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce – Bogotá, Colombia.
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- a) Professor of Intellectual Property Law at the Law School of the National University of Asuncion, Paraguay.
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