

RESEARCH PROJECTS

RESEARCH AREA	YEAR	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
Penal Law	2014	<i>New Horizons of International Penal Law</i>	Contribute to the national literature with a comprehensive analysis of the domestic and international jurisprudence regarding genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.
	2013	<i>Support for the Handbook of Penal Law</i>	Development of a complete text about crimes against life, personal integrity and crimes against the international humanitarian law that serves as a domestic reference in the subject and as a teaching book for the courses of the second cycle of our academic pensem.
Prisons, Criminal Policy, and Citizen Safety	2014	<i>The policies of prevention, control and repression of crime in Colombia</i>	Study that analyzes the transformations and the main aspects of the policies of prevention, control and repression of crime in Colombia over the last 11 years. The study includes the analysis of its relationship with the forms of government that have been consolidated thought this period.
	2012	<i>Socio-legal analysis of the situation of imprisoned women in Colombia</i>	Research work that aims to analyze and characterize the disproportionate and differential impact of the penitentiary system on imprisoned women.
	2010	<i>Law and prisons in Colombia</i>	Analyzing the impact of the macro processes of penitentiary reform in the internal management of prisons and the respect of the fundamental rights of imprisoned people.
	2010	<i>Crime, Conflict and Society</i>	Diagnosis of the penitentiary and criminal policy situation in Colombia that aims to feed public policy, as well as socialize results in benefit of the Colombian State and Society.

Law and Gender	2013	<i>Gender and inequity in the distribution of resources and opportunities</i>	Research work that aims to understand: (1) The distributive effects of the relationship between social policy and family economic regime provided in the rules of civil law (maintenance law and economic regime of marriage; and (2) the distributive effects of the relationship between social policy and parental authority regime (administration of children property and the power to demand obedience through physical punishment) and children rights (protection regime of the ICBF).
International Law and Globalization	2014 - 2016	<i>Mechanisms for Citizen Participation</i>	Field research in micro-spaces of citizen participation in Latin-America to analyze its performance and impact on the distribution of resources. It also seeks to expose the way in which particular contexts mold the mechanisms through interactive processes.
	2012	<i>Global International Law</i>	Generate new knowledge about the characteristics of interagency interactions and how these interactions lead to normative reform, with special attention to the challenges and opportunities given to affected groups and the interests of the developing countries. Additionally, it seeks to generate pertinent recommendations to public policy, in order to increase the capacity of researchers in the global south, non-governmental organizations and institutions, to develop equitable and effective responses to the effects of interactions between institutions.
	2010	<i>Elements for a constitutional theory of International Law</i>	Development of an alternative narrative for the creation of a centralized mechanism of international law making, through the integration of certain tools of the domestic constitutional law in the reinterpretation of the international legal system.
	2010	<i>Seeking new answers to the forced exodus</i>	Research work aimed to search for an answer to the forced exodus from the International Law perspective which has as main objective to

		<i>from the perspective of International Law</i>	guarantee the rights of involuntary migrants, taking into account the limits imposed by the principle of sovereignty.
Law and Social Action	2013	<i>Protection of Civilians: From Principle to Practice</i>	The project lead to an exploration and comparison of different types of protection practices within an armed conflict to gain a deeper comprehension of how extern conditions of the protection agents affect their efficacy and local legitimacy, and an evaluation of how they are viewed by those who are subject of the practices of protection and how are they affected by the operations.
	2012	<i>Coke, institutions and local cultures: three case-studies about minor coke cultivation in three municipalities with weak institutions</i>	From the characterization of the three studied municipalities, interviews with local officials and habitants, and participant observation in activities with governmental and non-governmental organizations, the project aims to formulate a dense description of the way in which in these municipalities coexist coke crops and authorities, their repressive and tolerant actions, and the institutions and local cultures.
	2011	<i>Informal property and its relationship to the prevalence and reporting of domestic violence</i>	A combined qualitative and statistical approach to the hypothesis that the informality in homeownership is related to the escalation of domestic conflict.
	2010	<i>Intellectual Property</i>	Improve the development capabilities of researchers from different countries, research institutes, lawyers, government officials, non-governmental organizations, and companies, to analyze, evaluate, and influence important events in several critical areas of regulation and governability.
	2007	<i>The right to information in Colombia</i>	An analysis of the legal framework and public policies concerning the general public's right to information in Colombia.
Public Law	2014	<i>Code of ethics for tax</i>	The project aims to find out what is the current state of the tax culture in Colombia in order to

		<i>administration, taxpayers, and tax advisors: a collective construction from the tax culture in Colombia</i>	identify the challenges we are facing to progressively improve the shortcomings. Given the fact that the ethics of the taxpayers and other players in the system influences the tax compliance in a specific jurisdiction, to set the basis for the construction of a code of ethics in the Colombian tax system is an unavoidable and pressing project.
	2014	<i>Food Sovereignty, environment and liberation technologies: The "Orgánica de Chocontá" Case</i>	Research how the design of new 'human-centric' technologies (Diamond, 2010) can empower small, organic producers. It also seeks to offer alternatives to tomadores of public policies to empower other communities of organic producers through like technologic tools.
	2013	<i>Law and transition: 'Representing' the atrocity</i>	The project aims to examine the categories of normality, exceptionality, rationality, irrationality, and the representation of the general theory of law, civil law and penal law in the practical philosophy line and the dogmatic discussion in civil and penal law.
	2013	<i>Social responsibilities of lawyers: the work pro bono in Colombia, Chile, and Argentina</i>	The research work describes the structure and main dynamics of the work pro bono that has been done in Colombia, Chile, and Argentina in the last ten years, contextualizing and analyzing the work that the Foundation Pro Bono of Colombia, Pro Bono of Chile and the Commission Pro Bono of Argentina have done.
	2013	<i>Peace Talks</i>	Detailed analysis of the required adjustments in the laws, public policy and practices of the State for the implementation of the peace agreement.
	2012	<i>Behind abandonment</i>	Track and recover outstanding works in the Colombian legal literature of the 19 th century,

		<i>and oblivion: analysis of the unnoticed influences in the constitutional level of the public administration in the second half of the XX century</i>	analyzing their relevance and impact within their own historic context, identifying the main causes (political, social, cultural, and intellectual) of their abandonment and oblivion.
	2012	<i>Economic analysis of specific topics in different areas of law</i>	The research searches to demonstrate if an economic analysis allows or not a better understanding of the legal phenomena at different areas of law.
	2007-2008	<i>Indigenous and afro-colombians right to previous consultation in cases of oil exploration</i>	Analysis of social practices and legal standards of the right to prior consultation with ethnic groups. The project seeks to analyze both national and international standards of the right to prior consultation and on a field evaluation with indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities.
Environmental Law	2014	<i>Collective environmental litigation in Colombia and Latin America</i>	Study of collective litigation aimed towards the protection of collective goods and interests, particularly environment.
Human Rights	2013	<i>Human rights after 2015</i>	Study of the right to health to advance in the comprehension of the global need for health and the organizations role around it.
	2013	<i>Compliance of tutela orders in Colombia</i>	Study conducted to learn the level of compliance of <i>tutela</i> orders from judges in Colombia and the elements that determine said compliance. Data was gathered through field work done in the Constitutional Court and interviews done to the plaintiffs.
	2012	<i>Health and Constitutional Rights</i>	Analysis and activities coordination for the promotion of dialogue about health and human rights. The projects aims to develop alternative mechanisms like the <i>tutela</i> in order to answer properly to the needs for medical attention and

		colombian citizens' rights, seeking to improve the guarantee of equal opportunities in the access to health.
2008	<i>High Impact Litigation in Colombia: LAICIA case</i>	Description and analysis of the constitutional claim against the penalty of abortion.
2012	<i>Victims' law and judges of land restitution: ordinary judicial culture or judicial imagination?</i>	The research aims to: (1) Present the theoretical basis that support better the transitional justice established by the Law 1448 of 2011, in such a way that the process of land restitution satisfies the objective of full reparation with a transformative focus to victims (2) Defeat, from a dogmatic-procedural point of view, the replacement of (i) the relationship between the origin of the judges of land restitution, judicial culture and the transitional civil justice to restitute abandoned or divested lands, for (ii) the relationship between transitional justice with transformative focus to restitute lands, judicial culture of the transitional justice and special judges for land restitution.
2009-2012	<i>The Significance of Political Organization and International law for Displaced Women in Colombia: A socio-legal Study of Liga de Mujeres, with the Peace Research Institute at Oslo. PRIO</i>	The project studies political participation and the use of international law as a tool to achieve protection of human rights of displaced women.
Labor Law	<i>Workplace harassment in Colombia Regulation, implementation and effectiveness</i>	The project analyzes which has been the impact of the Law 1010 of 2006 on workplace harassment and the applicability it has had.

Family Law	2012	<i>Decisions about custody, visitation rights and maintenance: the legal and family perspective</i>	Make a baseline about the practices of family judges, family advocates and lawyers in the subject of custody and visitation rights, and the experiences of parents of heterosexual and diverse orientations in these same aspects.
Civil Law	2012	<i>Modernization of obligations in Colombia</i>	Analysis of the critical aspects of obligations and contracts that require a normative revision in the Civil Code and the Code of Commerce. Identify these topics and prepare papers from the academy in order to propitiate a wider debate about the subject with the purpose of establishing ideas for modification.
Procedural Law	2012	<i>Litigation consequences of the General Procedural Code</i>	The project aims to establish the tools to understand the new civil procedural legislation from the perspective of access to justice of those populations with lower economic capacity. In this way, it will be possible to reflect preemptively upon the procedural problems that will occur.