

# Webinar

## “Judicial Security around the World”

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 am EDT - 11:00 – 13:00 Argentina

### Goals:

- To discuss how countries protect their judges, prosecutors and courts in a changing world.
- Which are the emerging threats that judicial systems are facing
- Groundbreaking policies on the subject
- How security strengthens judicial independence

### Audience:

Judges of different tiers, public prosecutors, staff members, court administrators, public officials, public security experts, lawyers, representatives of civil society organisations, academics, court administrators, and international partners.

**Languages:** English/Spanish (automatic captions)

**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Luis María Palma, *Vice Chairman of the International Institute for Justice Excellence (IIJE) and Immediate Past President of the International Association for Court Administration (IACA)*



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## Program

### 10:00 am – Welcoming Remarks

**Prof. Dr. Luis María Palma**, *Vice Chairman of the International Institute for Justice Excellence (IIJE) and Immediate Past President of the International Association for Court Administration (IACA)*

**10:05 – Hon. Esther Salas**, *Federal District Judge, New Jersey, United States of America*

**10:25 – Hon. Santiago Otamendi**, *Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina*

**10:45 – Dr. Giuseppe M. Fazari**, *Vice President of IACA for North America, United States of America*

**11:05 – Hon. Marcelo Varona Quintián**, *Deputy Attorney General of the City of Buenos Aires*

**11:05 – Q&A**

**11:25 – Closing Remarks**

## Speakers



### **The Honourable Esther Salas, United States District Judge**

Judge Salas earned her B.A. from Rutgers University and her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. After graduating from law school, Judge Salas clerked for the Honourable Eugene J Codey, Judge of the Superior Court, Essex County Vicinage. In October 1995, Judge Salas entered private practice with the law firm of Garces and Grabler, P.C., where she focused on criminal defense and appellate litigation. In September 1997, Judge Salas joined the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of New Jersey.

As an Assistant Federal Public Defender, Judge Salas represented indigent criminal clients in front of both the New Jersey District Court and the Third Circuit.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, Judge Salas was sworn in as a Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey—the first attorney of Hispanic descent to hold that position. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Senate unanimously confirmed President Obama’s nomination of Judge Salas as a United States District Judge. Judge Salas was sworn in by the Honourable Jose L. Linares, making her the first Latina District Judge in the District of New Jersey. As a District Judge, Judge Salas has presided over complex civil and criminal cases, including a number of issues of first impression for the District of New Jersey. Additionally, Judge Salas, along with Senior District Judge Katharine S. Hayden, co-founded the District of New Jersey Pretrial Opportunity Program, which provides pre-trial judicial intervention for criminal defendants suffering from drug and alcohol addiction.

Judge Salas has been recognized for her work on and off the bench. She has received numerous awards, including the Whipple Memorial Award from the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey (2008), the Women’s Initiative and Leaders in Law Platinum Award from the New Jersey Women Lawyer’s Association (2015), and

Woman of Substance Award from Seton Hall University's Women's Law Forum (2015).

Judge Salas is a loving wife to her husband of 26 years, Mark Anderl, and the proud mother of her late son, Daniel Mark Anderl, who offered his life as an act of love when a disgruntled lawyer targeted Judge Salas because of her position as a federal judge. Since Daniel's senseless and tragic murder, Judge Salas has made it her mission to ensure greater protections for judges.

Daniel's sacrifice, and Judge Salas's advocacy, led to the swift passage of "Daniel's Law" in New Jersey. To ensure that Daniel's death would not be in vain, Judge Salas advocated for federal legislation to ensure greater protections for federal judges. As a result of such advocacy, President Biden signed the Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act into law on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.



**The Honourable Santiago Otamendi**, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the City of Buenos Aires.

Santiago Otamendi was appointed District Judge on Criminal Matters in 2004. Since 2019, he has served as Judge on the Supreme Court of the City of Buenos Aires. Starting from this year, he also holds the position of Secretary of Institutional Affairs of the Board of Provincial Supreme Courts. Prior to these roles, he was the Secretary of Justice at the National Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of the Republic of Argentina. During his tenure, he held positions as vice-president and subsequently president of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF-GAFI).

From 2012 to 2014, he served as Secretary General for Access to Justice and Human Rights at the General Prosecutor's Office. Additionally, Otamendi has held the role of Director of International Affairs at the Argentine Federation of the Judiciary. From 2010 to 2012, Otamendi served as Counselor at the Council of the Judiciary, overseeing the selection of candidate judges for legislative approval, handling disciplinary matters concerning magistrates, and managing the judiciary's budget.

In academia, Otamendi currently serves as Director of the Master Program in Justice Administration and Oral Litigation at the Argentine Catholic University. Additionally, he is an Associate Professor specializing in Global Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing at the National University of Buenos Aires, and an Associate Professor of Criminal Procedure Law at the Institute for Public Security of the Metropolitan Police. Previously, he taught at the Higher Institute of Public Security, the University of Granada, and Stetson University College of Law. Otamendi has authored numerous papers and has been a speaker at various congresses focusing on justice and criminal policy affairs.



**Giuseppe M. Fazari, Ph.D.**, Vice President of IACA for North America. J, Ph.D.

Giuseppe M. Fazari is a faculty member in the Criminal Justice Department at Monmouth University. He was previously on faculty for Seton Hall University where he also served as an Assistant Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. Before working in academia, he was the Trial Court Administrator (TCA), Chief Administrative Officer for the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union Vicinage where he had overall responsibility in the areas of caseload management, court facilities, projects and services, financial management, human resources, information systems, jury utilization, probation services, and records management. Prior to being appointed TCA, he served the New Jersey Judiciary for 10 years in Essex Vicinage, the most voluminous district of the state, which averaged 150,000 filings a year among its case management divisions. During his tenure in Essex, Dr. Fazari served in the Criminal, Civil, and Operations Divisions eventually culminating his employment in the district as the Assistant Trial Court Administrator, Chief Operations Officer.

Dr. Fazari is also faculty for the National Center for State Courts where he teaches caseload

management and court performance standards. He has served as a consultant for several domestic and

international organizations including the Rodrigo Lara Bonilla Judicial Training School of Colombia, Supreme Court in Ukraine, and the Federal Judiciary and National Industrial Court of Nigeria where his areas of expertise included case management, court security, and business process reengineering. He was a Lead Developer and Subject-Matter Expert for the National Association for Court Management's (NACM) Core Competencies for Court Administrators. He has been published in the Court Manager, International Journal for Court Administration, Campus Law Enforcement Journal, and Federal Probation journals, the National Center for State Courts' report series Trends in State Courts, and co-authored the NACM professional guides on court security, business continuity management, court administration, and chaired the publication Achieving and Sustaining the Green Court. Dr. Fazari is the writer, director and producer of the award-winning feature documentary, Why They Kill, based on the book by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Richard Rhodes. The film distributed by the Films Media Group in New York City is also featured on Amazon Prime. He is co-author of the book, Historical Dictionary of American Criminal Justice, and author of Courthouse Confidential: Unveiling Lessons Learned in Leading and Managing Trial Court Organizations. He holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Seton Hall University where he also earned a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice. He is a Harvard-trained consultant and completed a postgraduate certificate in U.S. law and methodologies from New York University. He is a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management and was the recipient of the Vice-President's Award of Merit for Applied Research. He is a Past President of the New Jersey Association of Criminal Justice Educators and was awarded the Jack A. Mark Award in recognition for his contributions to the field of criminal justice.



**Hon. Marcelo Varona Quintián**, Deputy Attorney General of the City of Buenos Aires. President of the Argentine Association of Prosecutors\*\*

Marcelo Varona Quintián currently serves as the Deputy Attorney General of the City of Buenos Aires, a position he has held since February 2020. His career in the Argentine justice system began in 1987 as a junior clerk, and over the years, he has risen through every rank of the prosecutorial service. He was Secretary General of the Buenos Aires City Public Prosecutor's Office from 2015 to 2020 and previously served as a Criminal Prosecutor in the Province of Buenos Aires for over 14 years.

Dedicated to strengthening prosecutorial institutions and professional development, Marcelo is the President and founder of the Argentine Association of Prosecutors (AAF) and a co-founder and former Secretary General of the Latin American Federation of Prosecutors.

He holds a Law Degree from the University of Morón and a Master's in Justice Administration from Unitelma Sapienza University in Rome, Italy.

As a university lecturer, Marcelo has taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Trial Advocacy, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to legal education.

Throughout his distinguished career, he has been a speaker and organizer at numerous national and international conferences, including events hosted by the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), Latin American prosecutor congresses, and academic forums on structural corruption, jury trials, oral litigation, child protection, and institutional violence. With over three decades of experience, Marcelo Varona Quintián is a recognized leader in judicial reform, prosecutorial innovation, and international cooperation across justice systems.

**Moderator**

**Prof. Dr. Luis María Palma**, Vice Chairman of IJE, Immediate Past President of IACA, Lawyer, PhD in Political Science, PhD in Sociology, Doctorate and Post PhD in Law, Post PhD in Fundamental Principles and Human Rights. For over 25 years, he worked in judicial modernization projects funded by UNDP, USAID, NCSC, IADB and EU. He ran the National Direction of Judicial Modernization of the Ministry of Justice of Argentina and served honorarily as General Coordinator of the National Judicial Management Commission of the Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina.