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REFERENCE ATTORNEY ROSTER — Bracho Rozquez Case

Reference map for building the defence team Prepared by: Lex Venezuela Prime · May 2026 **Public version:** <https://tuvzla.com/cases-hr/bracho-rozquez/#attorneys>

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TIER 1 · Defence counsel already involved in the Drone Caracas docket

The 6 attorneys who filed cassation appeals on behalf of the other co-convicted defendants, as recorded in TSJ Judgment 682 of 5 December 2024. They know the file, the reporting magistrates and the applied case law.

DOCUMENTARY CAVEAT: a strict cross-reference of each name with their Inpreabogado number in other TSJ dockets returns zero hits — suggesting they may be public defenders or private attorneys with limited regular practice before the Criminal Cassation Chamber, assigned by political affinity rather than by accumulated technical expertise.

Attorney	INPRE	Defended in this case	Outcome obtained
Joel Antonio García Hernández	84,674	Juan Carlos Requesens (8 yrs) + José Eloy Rivas (20 yrs)	Lowest sentence in the docket; Requesens RELEASED Oct 2023 (Barbados Agreement)
Juan Luis González Taguaruco	45,027	Ángela Expósito (24 yrs) + Oswaldo Castillo (30 yrs)	30 yrs for Castillo; 24 for Expósito
Stefania Migliorini Camposano	262,683	Emirlendris Benítez + Yolmer Escalona (30 yrs each)	30 yrs for both; HR profile (Benítez DGCIM-torture case)
Zoraida Castillo de Cárdenas	13,879	Héctor Hernández Da Costa (16 yrs) + Pedro Zambrano (30 yrs)	16 yrs for the General in civilian court
Gracimar Del Valle Fierro	58,867	Juan Carlos Monasterios Vanegas (30 yrs)	30 yrs
Eliécer Peña Granda + Yalira Granda	12,130 + 14,920	Alejandro Pérez Gámez (30 yrs)	30 yrs

TIER 2 • Constitutional and criminal-law specialists with a record in political defence (TSJ corpus + public knowledge)

Ranked by documented appearances in the TSJ corpus with simultaneous mention of defence context. The names listed meet the technical profile required for the Solicitud de Revisión Constitucional before the Constitutional Chamber of the TSJ and/or to integrate the litigation team before the inter-American system.

#	Attorney	TSJ apps	In defence	Key profile
1	Juan Carlos Gutiérrez	125	106	Long-standing defender of political prisoners. Highest volume in the tier.
2	Alfredo Romero (Foro Penal)	110	78	Executive Director of Foro Penal. Institutional access + defenders network.
3	Antonio Canova González	83	63	Constitutional scholar, solid pleadings.
4	José Vicente Haro	79	52	Younger constitutional litigator with media profile.
5	Carlos Ayala Corao	55	33	FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE IACHR (1996-1999). Ideal bridge between domestic review and the IACHR petition.
6	Gustavo Linares Benzo	50	29	UCAB constitutional law professor.
7	Gonzalo Himiob Santomé	49	41	Co-founder of Foro Penal, political-prisoner specialist.
8	Theresly Malavé	31	27	100% defence — declared political-prisoner specialist.
9	Juan Manuel Raffalli	25	16	Constitutional law, opposition advisor.
10	Allan Brewer-Carías	19	12	World-class doctrinal authority. In exile — use as doctrinal backing rather than as signing counsel.
⚠	Hermann Escarrá	80	54	NOT RECOMMENDED. Government-aligned — conflict of interest.

TIER 3 • Criminal-law practitioners with a measurable record in TSJ Criminal Cassation and Constitutional Chambers (algorithmic extraction)

Attorneys with multiple cases in the TSJ Criminal and Constitutional Chambers and a favourable ratio of positive outcomes (granted / nullity / dismissal) over negative ones (denied / dismissed as unfounded). Less prominent publicly, but with an objective count of measurable wins.

Attorney	INPRE	Cases	Pos.	Neg.	Score
Hector J. Guilarte H.	142,510	6	12	0	24.0
Pedro José Troconis Da Silva	34,395	14	4	2	19.4
Manuel Assad Brito	31,580	12	5	6	17.7
José Joel Gómez Cordero	32,811 / 57,049	15	3	6	17.7
Roberto Gómez González	39,768	7	7	7	15.4
Jorge Tahan Bittar	7,603 / 7,606	4	9	8	15.1
Eric Lorenzo Pérez Sarmiento	105,200 / 71,932	9	3	2	12.9
José Santiago Rodríguez Simancas	75,289	5	5	0	12.5 (no losses in sample)
Carlos Eduardo Aponte González	59,916	6	5	4	12.3
Ricardo Baroni Uzcátegui	49,200 / 49,220	7	4	3	12.1
León Benshimol Salamanca	76,696	5	4	4	9.8
Mario Eduardo Trivella	55,456	6	3	4	9.3

TIER 4 • International support / ICC / Inter-American System

Person or organisation	Key role
CEJIL — Center for Justice and International Law	Only entity with a winning track record before the IACtHR for Venezuelan cases. Principal IACHR co-litigation.
Tamara Sujú Roa (CASLA Institute)	Article 15 supplementary communication to the ICC OTP — Venezuela I situation.
Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights	International advocacy + political litigation (US State Department, EU, OAS).
Human Rights Foundation (HRF)	Political-prisoner database + humanitarian-exchange advocacy.
Reed Brody (HRW consultant)	Emblematic international litigation — strategic support.
Liliana Ortega (COFAVIC)	30+ years of human-rights litigation in Venezuela.

Recommended defence team (3-4 persons)

- LOCAL HEAD IN CARACAS** (signs TSJ filings): Juan Carlos Gutiérrez as first option (volume and trajectory) or Joel Antonio García Hernández (Tier 1, already knows the docket). Backup: Theresly Malavé.

2. **DOCTRINAL BACKING CONSTITUTIONALIST** (co-signs as second / advisor): Carlos Ayala Corao — his name on the constitutional-review petition + on the IACHR petition gives immediate academic and international weight. Alternative: José Vicente Haro or Antonio Canova González.
 3. **INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATOR** (network, resources, visibility): Alfredo Romero or Gonzalo Himiob (Foro Penal) — manages access to the family in Maracaibo, independent medical evaluation, coordination with the IACHR and international monitoring.
 4. **PARALLEL INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT**: CEJIL + Tamara Sujú / CASLA Institute + RFK Human Rights + Human Rights Foundation. Seven co-sponsorship letters with a specific proposal for each are already drafted in this case file.
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Methodology

Algorithmic analysis over the corpus of 435,000+ TSJ decisions collected in the local tuvzla.com database (~/[tsj-index/](#)). For each attorney we counted distinct decision appearances, presence in defence-related contexts (key terms: defensor, apoderado judicial, en representación de acusado/imputado/penado), distribution by chamber, and positive vs. negative outcomes within proximity. Tier 2 also incorporates public knowledge of the Venezuelan political-defence bar. This list does NOT account for actual availability, the attorney's conflict of interest, current fees or willingness to take the case — all of which must be verified through direct conversation.