

2021 Annual Report



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2021 ACTIVITIES REPORT JUSTICE STUDIES CENTER OF THE AMERICAS

1. Research and Projects

- **Technical assistance for Chile’s Constitutional Convention**

In 2021, JSCA contributed to Chile’s constituent process through seminars and meetings with members of the commissions related to justice. The entity developed a partnership with Universidad Alberto Hurtado to make contributions in the areas of trial by jury, judicial government, autonomy of public defense, indigenous justice, community or small claims justice, and collective processes. JSCA developed a report that was presented at the Convention and a document on indigenous justice. The Center staff also organized a seminar on the latter topic with experts from Chile and other countries in the Americas. This activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Technical assistance for the implementation of a pilot project in Mexico**

This activity was executed by JSCA and the Mexico City Judicial Branch. The goal was to support the implementation of a pilot project based on the introduction of oral litigation and hearing management techniques by judges for a group of civil courts in the Federal District of Mexico. Based on that goal, the first stage consisted of a qualitative regulatory and planning assessment and a second intervention stage that included institutional adaptation measures, training for the judges responsible for implementing the pilot project, and a final stage to assess the results and disseminate them within the legal community. The pilot project was launched in 2019 and ended in 2021, as stated in CJCDMX Circular 18/2021, which approved the guidelines for oral civil judges.

- **Technical assistance for Buenos Aires Province**

JSCA participated in the public discussion of the draft bill of the Civil, Family, and Commercial Procedure Code for Buenos Aires Province (CPFCCBA), which is being advanced is moving the province’s Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. As such, the Center had a presence in the collective processes and juries commission, the evidence commission, and the judicial management office commission. Center staff participated in the discussion and formulated recommendations. This activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Technical assistance for Ecuador’s Judiciary Council**

Two technical assistance projects were developed in the context of the agreement between JSCA and Ecuador’s Judiciary Council. The first consisted of reviewing the Code of Judicial Ethics bill based on international standards in the field. The code was reviewed, the parties responsible for promoting it were interviewed, and a series of recommendations was offered. The second technical assistance activity was related to reviewing Ecuador’s open justice plan. JSCA provided a document containing conclusions and recommendations on the topic. The consultancy culminated in in-person workshops featuring members of Ecuador’s Judiciary Council and JSCA’s Executive Director and Training Director. This activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Virtual Seminar: “Access to justice for female victims of violence in Latin America”**

This seminar, which was held on March 3, 2021, was organized by the Red de Mujeres Unidas and JSCA in the context of the German Federal Foreign Affairs Ministry initiative for Latin America and the Caribbean. A virtual panel was held to generate a dialogue on access to justice for women who suffer from violence in the context of COVID-19 in Latin America. The speakers discussed measures that can be taken to strengthen the legal system through a government response that is more focused on victims’ needs and best practices for improving the handling of reports of violence against women. The event featured presentations on the results and conclusions of the projects conducted during the pandemic by Unidas and JSCA.

- **The second chapter of the “Assessment of the Chilean justice system in response to the human rights violations committed in the context of social protests”**

The seminar “Standards for judicial investigation of serious human rights violations in the context of social protests in Latin America” was held April 15, 2021 to discuss justice system responses to the human rights violations that took place in the context of Chile’s social protests. It was co-organized by JSCA, the Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF), and the Universidad de Chile Law School Center for Human Rights. The event featured JSCA’s Executive Director, the DPLF’s Executive Director, and the co-Director of the Universidad de Chile Law School Center for Human Rights.

- **Seminar and manual on litigating complex environmental civil cases**

JSCA participated in the seminar “Civil Environmental Litigation in Latin America: Challenges and Perspectives” on April 19, 2021. The activity was broadcast on the YouTube Live platform and viewed 427 times. This activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Course on litigating in oral commercial trials**

This activity, which was held virtually April 13-29, 2021, was co-organized by Universidad Ius Semper and JSCA and featured our Executive Director. The topics analyzed in the course were foundations of examination and the use of litigation techniques to design examination and cross-examination of witnesses and experts. This activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Seminar to present the “Protocol for Access to Justice for Older Adults”**

This seminar, which was held on April 23, 2021, was organized by Chile’s Judicial Branch and featured JSCA’s Executive Director. It was broadcast on YouTube and has 375 views.

- **Seminar: “Integrating ADRs into the Design of Civil Procedures”**

This seminar, which was held on April 29, 2021, was organized by Universidad Andrés Bello. JSCA participated in and sponsored the event. It was broadcast live on the university’s platform.

- **Virtual discussions**

The Civil Association for Equality and Justice, Firma, Dejusticia, Demati, the Due Process of Law Foundation, and JSCA organized three discussions on access to justice in Latin America. Each discussion featured experts

on the topic: one on Access to Environmental Justice and Territories; one on Access to Justice and Gender; and one on Access to Justice, Migration and Asylum.

The activity was broadcast on YouTube Live and has 141 (Day 1), 161 (Day 2), and 147 (Day 3) views. At the end of the series, the activity “Presentation of a Regional Agreement on Access to Justice” was held, which featured the main conclusions of the three events. JSCA’s Executive Director participated in the event. The activity was broadcast on JSCA’s YouTube channel and has 153 views.

- **DIRAJus Project with the German Cooperation Agency GIZ Ongoing Forum on Access to Justice and the Right to Healthcare in Latin America in the Context of COVID-19**

This forum constituted a collaborative space of exchange for JSCA and GIZ that fostered the analysis and dissemination of information regarding access to justice and the right to healthcare in the region in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The event featured the participation of social organizations, academic institutions, and experts from countries around the region. The forum’s main purpose was to analyze how measures adopted to contain the pandemic impacted or could have impacted human rights. Participants offered criteria and proposals for strengthening the role of justice in containing and overcoming said impacts.

The preparatory stage of the forum was executed in 2021 along with discussions for three working groups. The coordinators of the three groups also prepared three logbooks for recording the work.

- **Theoretical-Practical Workshop on Oral Litigation Techniques for Civil Justice**

The workshop was organized by the Formosa Oral Litigation Club (UNCAUS), the Formosa Judiciary, and Contexto. It was offered on May 28, 2021 and included the participation of JSCA. This activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Study on “Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and Digital Justice”**

This manual was drafted in 2021 and has two parts. The first offers a theoretical approach to ODR, analyzing the concept and its characteristics as well as its history and implementation in countries like Canada, Australia, Japan, and the United States. The second part of the manual offers an analysis of the current state of ODR in Latin America, presenting guidelines for achieving an effective implementation of these dispute resolution systems in Latin America. It ends with a proposal for large-scale implementation of ODR in Latin America as well as the design of public policies that would facilitate its effective implementation. The study is pending publication. This activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Seminar: "Dialogue on Judicial Conduct and Ethics"**

This event took place on June 4, 2021 in the context of the bilateral cooperation agreement signed by Ecuador's Judiciary Council and JSCA. Its purpose was to analyze international parameters in the area of judicial conduct and ethics and to present the challenges in this area impacting Ecuador and the rest of Latin America. The activity featured the participation of JSCA and was broadcast using the Judiciary Council channel. It was viewed 50 times. This activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Seminar on the launch of the study "Case Management and Flexibility of Civil Proceedings: Obstacles and Opportunities in Chile"**

This seminar was held on July 12, 2021. The activity was broadcast on YouTube Live and via the official channel of Editorial Tirant Lo Blanch. It had 58 and 178 views, respectively.

- **Online seminar: "Virtual Trials Involving Cases of Gender Violence"**

This virtual online seminar, which was organized by Ecuador's judiciary and Eurosocal, was held July 21, 2021. JSCA participated in the event.

- **Colloquium: "Legal Needs and Courses of Citizen Action in Response to Barriers to Justice"**

This colloquium was organized by Chile's Judicial Branch and the Supreme Court Research Directorate. It was held virtually on July 29, 2021 and featured participation of JSCA staff.

- **Lecture: "Comparative Study of Civil Procedure Reforms in Latin America."**

JSCA participated in this event, which was organized in the context of the Rodolfo Sandino Argüello Series of the Central American Institute for Legal and Policy Research. It was held on August 13. The activity was promoted online and has 108 views. It was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Lecture: "The Role of Judges in Preliminary Hearings"**

This virtual lecture was offered by JSCA on August 17, 2021. It was part of a series organized by our institution and the Institute for Judicial Research of the Buenos Aires Province Supreme Court.

- **National Procedure Law Seedbed Competition**

The fifth and sixth editions of this event, which JSCA co-organizes with the Universidad Diego Portales Law School and the Chilean Procedure Law Research Network, took place on August 5, 18, and 19, 2021. Eleven teams from Chilean law schools presented their research on the topics "The Constituent Process and Justice Administration" and the "The Post-Pandemic Justice System." JSCA staff served on the jury, which chose the five winning teams. The activity was broadcast via the Procedure Network YouTube Channel and Universidad Diego Portales Law School and had 342 views.



- **Lecture: “The Role of Judicial Offices in a Justice System: The Experience of Neuquén and Lessons Learned”**

This virtual lecture was offered by JSCA on August 24, 2021. It was part of a series organized by CEJA and the Institute for Judicial Research of the Buenos Aires Province Supreme Court.

- **Lecture: “Assessment of Testimonial Evidence in Oral Trials in Technological Contexts”**

This lecture was offered by JSCA on August 27, 2021. The activity was organized by the School of Administrative and Social Sciences at the Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana (UNITEC) in Honduras. It was broadcast using the university’s platform.

- **Lecture: “The Use of Oral Procedures and Trial by Jury in Civil Proceedings”**

This virtual lecture was offered by JSCA on August 31, 2021. It was part of a series organized by CEJA and the Institute for Judicial Research of the Buenos Aires Province Supreme Court.

- **Mock Civil and Commercial Trial by Jury in Chaco Province**

This event, which was held on September 3, 2021, followed the approach that will be used for jury trials in Chaco province and featured the participation of the Corrientes Province Litigation Club and the Chaco Province Ombudsman’s Office legal team. The jury was comprised of key figures from the province’s cultural, athletics, business, social, and professional communities. The mock trial also offered participants the opportunity to debate the implementation of civil trial by jury in Latin America and to consider its advantages and challenges. The activity was broadcast on all CHACO TV platforms. It was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- **Lecture: “Conciliation Tools and the Articulation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods in Civil Justice”**

This virtual lecture was offered by JSCA on September 7, 2021. It was part of a series organized by CEJA and the Institute for Judicial Research of the Buenos Aires Province Supreme Court.

- **Seminar: “The Procedural System in the Constitution: Contributions to Constitutional Discussion”**

This seminar, which was offered on September 8, 2021, was organized by the Universidad Andrés Bello Law School and featured the participation of JSCA. It was held virtually using the university’s platform.

- **International Seminar: “Human Rights and Access to Justice: An Approach to Access to Justice Policies in Paraguay and the Region”**

This seminar was held on September 10, 2021. It was organized by the Center for Judicial Research of Paraguay and featured the participation of JSCA. It was broadcast using YouTube Live and had 70 views.

- **Lecture: “Management and Litigation in Collective Processes”**

This virtual lecture was held on September 14, 2021. It was part of the series organized by JSCA and the

Buenos Aires Province Supreme Court Judicial Research Institute.

- **Lecture: “Assessing Evidence at Oral Trial”**

This virtual lecture was held on September 21, 2021. It was part of the series organized by JSCA and the Buenos Aires Province Supreme Court Judicial Research Institute.

- **Virtual Lecture: “Digital and Hybrid Trials and Hearings”**

This virtual lecture was held on September 27, 2021. It was organized by the Universidad del Este School of Law and the Social Sciences and featured the participation of JSCA.

- **International Webinar: “The Judicial Career in Paraguay: Ideas and Experiences from a Regional Perspective”**

This online seminar, which was held on September 30, 2021, was organized by the Center for Judicial Research of Paraguay (CEJ) and sponsored by JSCA. JSCA Alumni Network members Eugenio Jimenez of Paraguay and Daniel González of Costa Rica participated in the event. The activity was broadcast on JSCA’s YouTube channel and has 54 views.

- **Discussion Series: “Access to Justice and the Right to Judicial Guarantees: New Perspectives”**

This lecture series was organized by the Judicial Career Council through Guatemala’s School of Judicial Research. It was held virtually on October 4, 11, and 18, 2021 and featured the participation of JSCA.

- **Ecuador Meetings**

Meetings were held on October 19 and 20 with Ecuador’s Judiciary Council, including its President, to assess the institution's needs and promote JSCA technical assistance for 2022.

- **VI International Lecture on Trial by Jury: “The Power of the Jury: Experiences from Argentina and the World”**

The activity was held virtually on November 27. It was organized by the Institute for Comparative Studies in the Criminal and Social Sciences (INECIP) with the support of the US Embassy in Argentina and featured JSCA’s participation.

- **Replicas in the Context of the Implementation of the Oral Civil Proceedings Pilot Project in Peru**

A. Case management for the application of oral procedures in civil proceedings

JSCA staff presented a keynote address at this event, which was organized by the Junín Superior Court and held on March 22. Seventy-eight of the 124 students (63%) were women. The activity was promoted on the court's Facebook page.

B. Case Management in Oral Civil Proceedings

JSCA staff offered a keynote address at this event, which was organized by the Madre de Dios Superior Court and held on April 23, 2021. The activity was promoted online.

C. Information and Communication Technologies and Civil Justice Reform: Placebo or Catalyst?

JSCA staff participated in this seminar, which was organized by Peru's Judicial Branch Judicial Research Center and held on April 28, 2021. All of the participants were members of priority countries. A total of 179 people participated a total program, 79 of whom were women (44%). The activity was held virtually.

D. Information Technology and The Communications Applied to the Judicial Service

JSCA staff offered a keynote address at this event, which was organized by the Santa Superior Court and held on May 4, 2021. The activity was broadcast online.

E. Lectures on the implementation of oral procedures in civil proceedings

JSCA staff participated in the training activity organized by the Huánuco Superior Court on May 4 and 5, 2021. The activity was broadcast online. It has 1,239 (Day 1) and 350 (Day 3) views. All of participants are from GAC priority countries.

F. Case Management in Oral Civil Proceedings

JSCA staff offered a keynote address at this event, which was organized by the Huánuco Superior Court and held on May 5, 2021. A total of 86 people participated in the event, and 49 were women (56%). The activity was broadcast online.

G. Virtual Course on Proceedings and Projects

This course, which was offered May 17 through June 27, 2021, was developed by the Peruvian Judicial Branch in coordination with the team responsible for implementing oral civil proceedings in order to train administrators on the corporate oral litigation modules implemented in Peru's Superior Courts. JSCA staff participated in the course, teaching the section on case management. The course was offered virtually and was attended by 34 administrators.

H. International and National Conferences on Civil Law, Procedure Law, and Arbitration

JSCA staff spoke at this international conference, which was held on June 3, 2021. It was organized by the Lus

Homines Research Center of Chimbote, Peru. The activity was broadcast on JSCA' Facebook channel and has 250 views.

I. Virtual Course: “Hearing and Project Management,” Module V

JSCA staff participated in this virtual course, which was held June 14-20. The Peruvian Supreme Court and the Peruvian Judiciary Executive Council organized the course. All of participants are from GAC priority countries. A total of 300 judges and attorneys were trained.

J. Virtual Course on Oral Civil Trial, Unit IV

JSCA staff participated in this virtual course on the role of attorneys in oral litigation. The module taught by JSCA was titled “Oral Civil Proceedings.” The Peruvian Supreme Court and the Peruvian Judiciary Executive Council organized the course. It was held between July and September 2021. A total of 2,018 judges and attorneys were trained.

K. The Application of Oral Procedures Under a Corporate Civil Model of Oral Litigation

JSCA staff presented at this event, which was organized by the Apurímac Superior Court and Peruvian Judicial Branch Executive Council. It was held online on July 22, 2021 and has been viewed 164 times.

L. Oral and Virtual Hearing Management Skills in Civil Proceedings, Unit II: Case Management

JSCA staff taught the module offered on August 3, 2021. The Peruvian Supreme Court and the Peruvian Judiciary Executive Council organized the course. A total of 500 attorneys and judges were trained.

M. The role of the judge in the use of oral civil proceedings

JSCA staff took part in a panel during this seminar organized by the Tumbes Superior Court (Peru) on August 17, 2021. A total of 208 people participated in the program, 97 of whom were women (47%).

N. International Seminar on the Use of Oral Civil Proceedings: Moquegua Superior Court

JSCA participated in this international seminar, which was held virtually from August 24 through August 26, 2021. A total of 353 people attended on October 24 (211 of them, or 60%, women) and 360 people attended on October 24 (223 of them, or 61%, women).

O. The Use of Oral Civil Procedures from the Perspective of the Judge and Attorney

JSCA staff participated as a panelist in the seminar organized by Cusco's Superior Court and the Technical Team for the Institutional Implementation of Civil Oral Procedures of the Peruvian Supreme Court on September 1, 2021. A total of 175 individuals participated in the program, 103 of them women (58%).

P. Program on the benefits and risks of the use of oral civil proceedings

JSCA participated in the seminar organized by the Civil Academic Forum Association of Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú on September 27, 2021. The activity was broadcast online and has been viewed 115 times.

Q. Oral proceedings in hearing management

JSCA participated in the National Civil and Civil Procedure Jurisdiction Plenary on “Oral Techniques in Hearing Management.” The event was organized by the Peruvian Judicial Branch’s Judicial Research Center and held on October 14, 2021. The activity was broadcast on JSCA’s Facebook channel and has 277 views.

R. Benefits and Risks of the Use of Oral Civil Proceedings

JSCA participated in the seminar organized by the Puente Piedra-Ventanilla Superior Court and the Technical Team for the Institutional Implementation of Oral Civil Proceedings on October 25, 2021. A total of 67 individuals participated in the activity, 39 of whom were women (58%).

S. Preliminary hearings

JSCA participated in the International Civil Oral Proceedings Conference organized by the Ica Superior Court (Peru) on November 19, 2021. One of its staff members presented on preliminary hearings. A total of 230 people participated in the program, 101 of whom were women (43%).

The activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

2. Training Activities

• Research Internship at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

JSCA selected one attorney from Argentina and one attorney from Chile to participate in this virtual research internship, which was held June 21-July 2, 2021. Each intern met with academics, researchers, and professionals to develop their research topic. One intern focused on the Canadian system as a successful example in the context of primary prevention of civil legal conflict. The other analyzed parallel and overlapping collective actions, access to information, procedures, case management, and dispute resolution related to competition. The activity was executed with the support of Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

• Virtual Course: “Improving the management of reports and prosecutorial and police investigation in America”

This virtual course was developed in the context of the project “Combating impunity by strengthening sequences of measures in criminal prosecution,” which JSCA conducted in collaboration with the German cooperation agency (GIZ). It was financed and promoted by the German Federal Foreign Affairs Ministry. Its purpose was to apply best practices identified in Latin American countries in order to improve criminal prosecution, especially in cases involving gender-based violence. It offers tools to strengthen criminal prosecution of gender-based crimes that occur within personal relationships such as domestic violence.

The target audience of this course is police and public prosecutor’s office officials from Latin America. It was held four times using the CEJACAMPUS platform. The first three courses were open to everyone and the fourth was only for Peruvian students. The breakdown of the participants follows:

- August 2-October 1 54 students.
- October 2-December 3 54 students.

- January 3-March 3 54 students.
- January 17-February 25 110 students.

- **Virtual Courses**

- **First semester**

During the first semester of 2021, JSCA offered virtual courses on Gender and Justice, Collective Processes, and Civil Justice Reform. Nineteen people attended the course on Gender and Justice, 100% of whom were women. Eight participated in the Collective Processes course, four of whom (50%) were women. Ten people attended the course on civil justice reform, 60% (6) of whom were women.

- **Second semester**

During the second semester of 2021, JSCA offered virtual courses on judicial and case management, trial by jury, and expert evidence in civil justice. Forty-eight people attended the course on Judicial Management and Case Management in Civil Justice, 65% of whom (31) were women. Forty-five people attended the Trial by Jury course, 53% of whom (24) were women. Twenty-nine people attended the course on civil justice reform, 59% (17) of whom were women.

- **Replicas**

A. Virtual Seminar: The practice of law in Latin America

This activity was held March 2, 2022 and featured the participation of JSCA staff. It focused on how the practice of law is organized and developed in various countries in the region.

B. Virtual talk on the first anniversary of the Santa Superior Court Corporate Oral Litigation Module

This activity was held on March 29, 2021. JSCA staff discussed the implications of oral proceedings in civil justice and their impact on the new organization of the courts.

C. Virtual talk on Examination in Oral Civil Trials

This event was held on April 20, 2021 and included JSCA's participation. It was organized by Universidad Lus Semper and addressed the techniques necessary for developing oral trial in a context of a civil hearing-based system.

D. Webinar on Constitutional Dialogue between Chile and Canada

This activity was organized by JSCA in the context of the GAC project and was held virtually on May 13. The event included presentations by Jeffrey Hewitt and Karen Drake (Osgoode Hall Law School); Verónica Figueroa Huencho (Universidad de Chile); Hugo Rojas (Universidad Alberto Hurtado); and Salvador Millaleo (Universidad de Chile).

E. Virtual Seminar on Justice and Social Context

The activity was organized by JSCA in the context of the GAC project and was held virtually on May 27.



Presentations were offered by Adele Kent (National Judicial Institute, Canada), Maria Thereza de Assis Moura (Superior Court Judge, Brazil), Marcela Siles (National Director of the Plurinational Public Defense Service of Bolivia), and Marisol Castañeda (Federal Magistrate, Querétaro, Mexico).

F. Virtual seminar: Defense in Police Units: Projections and Challenges

This activity was held on June 16, 2021 and included JSCA's participation. Participants analyzed a new mechanism implemented in Chile on the exercise of the defense in police units. The activity was organized by Chile's Criminal Public Defender's Office and was sponsored by CEJA.

G. Virtual seminar on Civil Procedure Reform in Paraguay

On July 20, JSCA staff offered a presentation on the situation of civil justice reform in Latin America in the context of the virtual seminar on Civil Procedure Reform in Paraguay. The Center for Judicial Research of Paraguay (CEJ) organized the activity.

H. Virtual talk on case management in the Apurimac Superior Court

This activity was held July 21, 2021 and featured JSCA's participation. Its staff members discussed the implications of the use of oral procedures in civil justice and their impact on case management managed by judges.

I. Virtual lecture on oral procedures and adversarial justice in Latin America

This activity was held on August 19, 2021. JSCA staff offered a keynote address on the situation of criminal justice reform in Latin America.

J. Virtual seminar on comprehensive reparations for damages

This activity, which was sponsored by USAID, took place on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. JSCA staff offered a keynote address.

K. International seminar on ICTs, Justice, and the Pandemic Retrospective analysis and projections for addressing congestion

This activity, which was held on November 17, 2021, was designed to encourage discussion of the role of justice in guaranteeing effective protection of access to justice during the pandemic. The activity included a talk organized by JSCA.

L. 1st International Conference on Civil Procedure Law in the Ica Superior Court

This activity was held on November 18, 2021 and featured the participation of JSCA staff, who discussed the implications of the use of oral procedures in civil justice and its impact on the new approach to organizing the courts.

• **V Brazilian Program on Criminal Procedure Reform**

This training event focused on the implications of implementing an adversarial criminal justice system based

on the experience accumulated in most Latin American countries over the past 25 years.

The program consists of two stages: an initial local course (which may be held in Salvador, Curitiba or Brasilia) and a final international course in Santiago de Chile. The local courses can be taken independently, and certificates are awarded.

A virtual local edition was held July 14-16 in Curitiba in 2021.

- **VI-American Training Program on Civil Justice Reform in Latin America**

This activity was held as follows:

- a. August 9-13 (first phase, virtual synchronous courses)
- b. August 16-November 16 (intermediate phase, seven modules offered using the CEJACAMPUS platform)
- c. Late November 2021 (Phase 2 via digital platforms)

The purpose of this program is to train judges, judicial assistants, and attorneys on the tools necessary to implement civil justice reforms in their jurisdictions and to emphasize efforts to raise awareness and train judicial operators on gender issues. A total of 10 people attended the program (60% women, 40% men).

- **INL- ARGENTINA**

This initiative consisted of specialized courses:

- The specialized training course “Oversight of charges and evidentiary filters” was held March 22-25. It was designed for judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and police agents from Salta.
- The discussion “Management and organization of a public prosecutor’s office for an adversarial system” was held on August 31. It was designed for prosecutors from La Rioja province.
- Meeting with the Judicial Academy on the design of training processes (September 7). Designed for members of the Chaco Judicial Academy.
- Training program for prosecutors and assistant prosecutors in the Public Prosecution Service (September 8 and 9) Designed for prosecutors and assistant federal prosecutors from Rosario.
- Training program for court officials and employees on the implications of an adversarial system and the role of institutions (September 13-14). Designed for federal judiciary officials and employees in Rosario.
- Discussion on “Oral litigation from a prosecutor’s perspective” (September 22). It was designed for prosecutors from La Rioja province.
- Training program for judges on the rule of the judiciary in an adversarial system and hearing management (September 30) Designed for federal judges from Rosario.
- Training program for prosecution service officials and employees (September 29 and 30) Designed for prosecution service officials and employees from Rosario.
- Training program for public defenders on litigation techniques in hearings with a focus on the indictment hearing (October 6-7) Designed for federal public defenders from Mendoza.
- Training program for officials and employees on the implications of an adversarial system and the role of institutions (October 13-14) Designed for federal public defense officials and employees from Mendoza.
- Training program for public defenders on litigation techniques in hearings with a focus on the indictment hearing (October 20-21) Designed for federal public defenders from Rosario.

- Training program for officials and employees on the implications of an adversarial system and the role of institutions (October 27-28) Designed for federal public defense officials and employees from Rosario.

- **GIZ-Criminal**

Course: “Combating Impunity by Strengthening the Sequences of Measures in Criminal Prosecution”

We offered a virtual course focused on criminal investigation and the process of filing and processing cases, with a special emphasis on gender violence. The purpose of this course was to improve the ability of prosecutors and police officers to process complaints and conduct investigations.

- **INL -GUATEMALA**

The course “Administrative Requirements for Oral Procedures” was held February 22 and 26, 2021. It was designed for judges and secretaries from Guatemala’s judiciary. Its purpose was to discuss the implications of the introduction of oral procedures as a trial method in Guatemala’s criminal proceedings. The activity was attended by 25 people and was financed by INL Guatemala.

3. [JSCA Gender Equality Policy](#)

In 2021, JSCA incorporated the gender perspective into the institution’s organizational culture and activities and sought to reflect it in its research, studies, projects, and training activities. We strengthened the JSCA Gender Equality Policy through the following campaigns: March 8 (International Women’s Day), World Sexual Diversity Day, and International LGBTIQ+ Day.

4. Publications:



- This research project offers an overview of training and oversight of the practice of law in identify the main critiques that have been offered in Latin America and the Caribbean.



This publication contains the fourth thematic report of the OCCA Observatory on conflict in the healthcare field in Latin America. It describes justiciable civil conflict related to the right to healthcare in seven countries from the region. The report also analyzes barriers to access to justice identified by local observatories, especially in relation to conflicts from this sphere. Finally, it uses case studies to present the differentiated manner in which said conflicts and barriers to access to justice can impact vulnerable populations.



This is the third volume of the publication “comparative Studies on Civil Justice System Reform.” Its purpose is to present civil procedure reforms undertaken in Japan and the People’s Republic of China. The study presents the main civil justice system reforms implemented in China and Japan as well as an analysis of the use of collective processes and protection of diffuse interests in both countries. This publication culminates in an analysis of how these experiences could be useful for addressing civil justice issues in Latin America.



The “Litigation Manual for Complex Environmental Civil Cases” is the fourth publication in the collection “The Civil Adversarial System.” Its purpose is to provide tools for complex oral litigation of environmental civil cases. This publication was developed in the context of the project “Improving Access to Justice in Latin America” developed by JSCA and financed by the agency Global Affairs Canada.



This publication is framed by the training of judicial operators on the social, cultural or racial context of the individuals who access the judicial system. It includes experiences developed in Anglo Saxon countries such as Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Israel and civil law systems such as Argentina’s national justice system.



This study analyzes and provides reasons for endowing the public defense service with functional and organizational autonomy, exploring various constitutional and legal options. It also presents the advantages and disadvantages of each of the aforementioned options. The publication also offers an exhaustive comparative study that presents the organizational model and levels of autonomy present in the public defense services of the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.



This publication was conducted in partnership with Konrad Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS). It describes the international framework for protecting the rights of detained persons, inter-American standards on detention conditions, and gender policies in the area of penal enforcement and pending challenges in the region. It also analyzes the reactions of prison systems to the public health crisis and presents 10 country reports (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela).



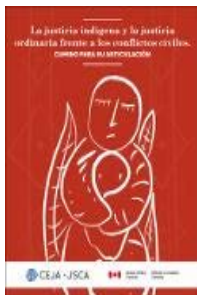
This project, which was funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and benefited from the institutional support of the Institute for Comparative Studies in the Criminal and Social Sciences (INECIP) and the Argentine Trial by Jury Association (AAJJ), presents materials designed to expand the study of the political and practical implications of using jury trials in the civil justice system. Academics, judges, and attorneys joined national and provincial officials from Argentina and abroad to share their perspectives and experiences on the need for jury trials in civil and commercial matters.



This document offers a description of the sources of evidentiary law in Canada and the history of the reform of that legislation. The article defines the concepts, evidentiary value and prejudicial effect, and explores how these concepts constitute the basic principles of organization that allow for an adequate analysis of the admissibility of information within Canadian judicial proceedings. The text addresses examples of expert evidence and sexual histories to show how the structural and conceptual characteristics of Canadian evidentiary law work together to favor the goal of achieving sentences that respect human rights.



The incorporation of the gender perspective as an institutional policy within justice systems assumes an essential requirement to move towards the elimination of socio-cultural barriers linked to gender. The gender perspective must be understood as a tool for identifying specific and differentiated ways in which gender-based violence operates. This work must also incorporate an intersectional analysis in order to understand the specific ways violence impacts victims, considering their age, ethnicity, social condition and other factors (Munévar-Munévar & Mena-Ortiz, 2009).



This study argues that one of the main challenges of the governments of the Americas in recent decades is the recognition of the rights of Indigenous peoples. The development of a robust international regulatory framework in this area and a series of constitutional reforms in the region allowed countries to move towards the recognition of the rights of Indigenous peoples in various areas such as recognition of their laws and dispute resolution systems. This poses the challenge of coordinating Indigenous and non-indigenous justice systems within the State.