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Short Bio. | Prof. Claudio Grossman



Prof. Claudio Grossman is Professor of Law & Dean Emeritus and Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law. In 2016, Prof. Grossman was elected to the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) and previously served as a member (2003-2015) and Chair of the United Nations Committee against Torture (since 2008). On May 20, 2013, he was elected chair of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies for a one-year term.

Prof. Grossman was a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) from 1993-2001, twice its President as well as Rapporteur on the Rights of Women (1996-2000) and on the Rights of Indigenous Populations (2000-2001). Prof. Grossman's career includes extensive litigation experience before the Inter-American and Universal systems on the rights of persons deprived of liberty, enforced disappearances, prohibition of non-discrimination and gender, political rights, rights of the child, indigenous populations, freedom of expression, prohibition of torture, and other fundamental freedoms. Prof. Grossman was involved in landmark cases establishing rights and freedoms within the Inter-American system, including *Aloeboetoe et al. v. Suriname*, *Velázquez-Rodríguez v. Honduras*, *Myrna Mack-Chang v. Guatemala*, *Mayagna (Sumo) Awas Tingni v. Nicaragua*, *El Amparo v. Venezuela*, *Nicholas Chapman Blake v. Guatemala*, *Iocher-Bronstein v. Peru*, among others. In the Committee Against Torture, he proposed the adoption of General Comment 3 on Reparations. In addition, he

participated in decisions including the absolute character of the prohibition against torture, the scope of the prohibition of non-refoulement, the content of the prohibition of discrimination.

