



Lawyer. Experience and special interest in human rights, international public law, international relations, international security, fight against terrorism, democracy, peace, philosophy and compared religion.

EDUCATION

Licensed Attorney and Notary Public, University of Costa Rica (UCR)

M.A. in Theory and Practice Human Rights University of Essex, United Kingdom

DISTINCTIONS

Permanent Court of Arbitration, Member for the 2019-2024 period

Instituto Hispano-Luso-Americano de Derecho Internacional, Associate since 2012

Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta, Knight of Magistral Grace since 2001

LANGUAGES

Spanish – English
French (advanced)

ARNOLDO BRENES CASTRO

Ambassador of Costa Rica to the Kingdom of The Netherlands and Permanent Representative to the OPCW since December 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica (2000-2020)

- Advisor to the Minister
- Coordinator of the Technical-Scientific Advisory Commission of the Extension of the Continental Shelf of Costa Rica (2009-2020)
- Coordinator of International Litigation 2015-2020
- Counsel and Advocate for Costa Rica in the cases of Costa Rica in the ICJ (2005-2018)
- Head of the Costa Rican negotiating delegation of the Costa Rica-Ecuador Maritime Boundary Treaty (2013-2014)
- Human Rights Specialist, responsible for Costa Rica's defence in the cases presented at the Inter American Commission of Human Rights (2000-2005).
- Member of the International Law Advisory Commission (2002-present)
- Member of the Costa Rica-Nicaragua Sub-Commission on Limits and Cartography (2002-present)
- National Point of Contact for the Inter American Committee against Terrorism (2002-2007).
- Coordinator of the Inter Institutional Commission for the Review of Costa Rica's Antiterrorism Legislation (2002-2004).
- Secretary of Costa Rica's Inter Institutional Commission of Terrorism (2004-2007)
- Member of the Foreign Service Evaluation Commission (2002-2004)

Centre for International Sustainable Human Development /Universidad Latina (2007-2013)

- Professor of the "Human Rights and Justice in Latin America" course.

Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress (1995-1999)

- Program Officer, Coordinator of the Security and Demilitarization Program.

Carter Center (1998)

- International Observer to the 1998 elections in Jamaica.

UN mandated University for Peace

- **1992:** Consultant to the "Human Rights and Peace Education in Central America Program"
- **1995:** Consultant to the "Culture of Peace and Democracy in Central America Program"
- **1999-2001:** Professor at the Masters Programme in Human Rights and Peace Education (San José, Costa Rica) and at the Masters Programme on Sustainable Environmental Tourism and Peace Promotion (Tenerife, Spain)

Lara, López, Matamoros, Rodríguez and Tinoco Law Firm (1988-1993)

Practicing lawyer and notary public