

DIEGO MAURICIO OLARTE RINCÓN

Lawyer, with master's in law and
criminology

I have worked for nearly nine years in areas associated with criminal law, constitutional law, public policies and the penitentiary and jail system. I have specific experience in the design and evaluation of criminal and penitentiary policy in Colombia. Currently I work as Director of Criminal and Penitentiary Policy of the Ministry of Justice and Law of Colombia.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Ministry of Justice and Law | October 2022 - (Currently)

Director of Criminal and Penitentiary Policy

In charge of the development of a criminal and prison policy that is respectful of human rights, which contributes to overcoming the unconstitutional state of affairs of the penitentiary and prison system. In addition, I oversee the implementation of Law 2292 of 2023 that intends to grant alternatives to imprisonment for women whose crimes are associated with their situation of marginality.

Economy, Law, and Society | September 2021 - September 2022

Associate Lawyer

Provided legal advice on matters of administrative, criminal, and constitutional law. Contributed with technical aspects to the concertation of law initiatives that aim to specify the scope of the obligations of municipalities and departments in the penitentiary system.

District Secretariat for Security, Coexistence and Justice | May 2020 - September 2021

Adviser to the Undersecretariat for Access to Justice

I was in charge of reviewing and updating the internal regulations of the District Jail; I accompanied the security review of the design of a transitory detention center (implementation of Decree 806 of 2020); I was responsible of the judicial defense of the Secretariat for the situation of inmates in transitory detention centers before the Constitutional Court, within the framework of which Unification Judgment 122 of 2022 originates (extension of the state of unconstitutional affairs of the prison system).

International Organization for Migration - IOM | May 2020 - April 2021

Consultant - Early Warning Project with the Attorney General's Office

Followed up the Territorial Prevention Committees in the Catalumbo and Valle del Cauca region, to mitigate the impact of the armed conflict on the civilian population.

Constitutional Court | January 2019 - September 2019

Professional from the Special Room for Monitoring the Prison Situation

I co-drafted the Orders aimed at (i) mitigating the spread of prison overcrowding in police stations of the country (Auto 110 of 2019) and (ii) evaluate indicators of human rights of inmates in the penitentiary and prison establishments (Auto 428 of 2020).

International Committee of the Red Cross | October 2018 - January 2019

Field Officer - Delegation in Colombia