

# HIRAM A. MELÉNDEZ - JUARBE

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Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico (1976), Dr. Meléndez-Juarbe is an accomplished professional with a wide range of experiences that include higher education administration, serious academic research and teaching, high-level public policy responsibilities, as well as private sector and NGO work. Meléndez-Juarbe combines this experience with sharp analytical skills, strong emotional intelligence and an inclination to apply considered-judgment to executive decisionmaking while keeping an eye on the broader institutional mission.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### University of Puerto Rico School of Law

*Full Professor 2017-present*

*Associate Professor 2007-2017 \**

*Assistant Professor 2003-2007*

*\*on leave Fall 2007 - Spring 2011 (graduate studies).*

**March 2017 – May 2017**

### University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus

*Special Assistant on Legal Affairs to Interim Chancellor Carmen H. Rivera Vega*

(Close advisor to the Chancellor on myriad policy and legal issues)

**2015 – 2017**

### University of Puerto Rico School of Law

*Associate Dean*

(Vice Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs)

**2015 – present**

### Puerto Rico Civil Rights Commission

*Member*

Five-person independent government Commission tasked with investigating violations of citizens' human rights, promote human rights education and evaluate and consider appropriate policies.

**2016 – 2017**

### Puerto Rico Commission for the Comprehensive Audit of the Public Credit

*Member*

Multi-sector Commission created under Puerto Rico Law Num. 97 of 2015 with the mandate of auditing the legality and constitutionality of the island's multibillion dollar public debt.

**2014–2015**

### Puerto Rico Telecommunications Board

*Legal Advisor to the President*

Advisor on special Internet policy projects.

**2014–2015**

### Municipality of San Juan, Puerto Rico

*Legal Advisor*

**2013–2014**

**Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics**

*Legal Advisor*

Advisor to the Director on special projects relating to government open data policies.

**July 2012 – December 2012**

**Puerto Rico Electoral Commission (CEE), Technical Advisory Board**

*Member*

Created by law, the TAB evaluates all technical projects and information services at the CEE from a technological and policy standpoint.

**2005 - 2007**

**Department of Justice of Puerto Rico**

*Special Advisor to the Secretary of Justice*

Close advisor on public policy and constitutional law.

**June 2006 – June 2007**

**Governmental Advisory Committee, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers**

*Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Representative*

The GAC provides advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, and especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN's activities or policies and national laws or international agreements.

**2002-2003**

**Department of Justice, Office of the Solicitor General**

*Assistant Solicitor General*

Appellate litigation on behalf of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**2000-2001**

**Supreme Court of Puerto Rico**

*Clerk, Hon. Federico Hernández-Denton, Associate Judge.*

## EDUCATION

**2013**

**New York University**

*JSD*

- Doctoral Dissertation: *Copyright Law, Personal Use and the First Amendment: A Public Discourse Perspective*

**2008**

**New York University**

*LL.M.*

- Intellectual Property, Innovation Policy, Art Law, Entertainment Law, Cyberlaw

**2002**

**Harvard Law School**

*LL.M.*

- Constitutional law, civil rights litigation, legal theory and history

**2000**

**University of Puerto Rico Law School**

*Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude*

**1997**

**University of Puerto Rico, Faculty of Social Sciences, Río Piedras Campus**

*B.A., Summa Cum Laude* (Political Science)

## PUBLICATIONS

*IN THE RED: PUERTO RICO'S FISCAL AND DEMOCRATIC DEFICITS LAID BARE (2017) (FORTHCOMING)*

*VIDA PRIVADA, REPUTACIÓN Y LIBERTAD DE EXPRESIÓN EN UN ENTORNO DIGITAL: LOS INTERMEDIARIOS DESDE EL MARCO NORMATIVO DE ESTADOS UNIDOS, (FORTHCOMING) REVISTA DERECHO, COMUNICACIONES Y NUEVAS TECNOLOGÍAS, No. 16, JULIO – DICIEMBRE DE 2017 (UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES, COLOMBIA).*

*MERCADOS, PROPIEDAD, EXPRESIÓN Y USO PERSONAL: EL SISTEMA DE DERECHOS DE AUTOR, EN DERECHO , Y CRÍTICA SOCIAL 1(1) 109-138. ISSN 0719-5680 (2015)*

*ESTADO, RELIGIÓN Y DERECHO: UNA REFLEXIÓN MULTIDISCIPLINARIA, 84 REVISTA JURÍDICA UPR 531 (2015)*

*EL DERECHO A LA INTIMIDAD, NUEVAS TECNOLOGÍAS Y LA JURISPRUDENCIA DEL JUEZ HERNÁNDEZ DENTON: LO PÚBLICO DE LO PÚBLICO, 83 REVISTA JURÍDICA UPR 1035 (2014)*

*DERECHO AL DERECHO: UNA APUESTA POR LA DEMOCRATIZACIÓN RADICAL DE LO JURÍDICO, 83 REVISTA JURÍDICA DIGITAL UPR 230 (2014) (CON ÉRIKA FONTÁNEZ TORRES)*

*DERECHO AL DERECHO: INTERSTICIOS Y GRIETAS DEL PODER JUDICIAL EN PUERTO RICO (WITH ÉRIKA FONTÁNEZ TORRES) (EDITORA EDUCACIÓN EMERGENTE, 2012)*

*INTERMEDIARIOS Y LIBERTAD DE EXPRESIÓN: APUNTES PARA UNA CONVERSACIÓN (2012), Centro de Estudios en libertad de Expresión y Acceso a la Información, Universidad de Palermo, Buenos Aires*

*TECNOPOLÍTICA Y DERECHOS DE AUTOR, at EL CONSTITUCIONALISMO EN TRANSICIÓN (2011)*

*CREATIVE COPYRIGHT FOR CREATIVE BUSINESS, 1 UPR BUSINESS L. J. 137 (2010)*

*DRM INTEROPERABILITY, XV B.U. J. SCI. TECH. L 181 (2009)*

*EL MENOSPRECIO COMO OBJETIVO CONSTITUCIONALMENTE ILEGÍTIMO: LA CONSTITUCIONALIDAD DE LA LEY 54 DESPUÉS DE PUEBLO V. LEANDRO RUIZ MARTÍNEZ; 1.09 INDRET CONSTITUCIONAL 594 (2009) (BARCELONA)*

*PRIVACY IN PUERTO RICO AND THE MADMAN'S PLIGHT: DECISIONS, 9 GEORGETOWN J. GEN. & L. 1 (2008)*

*LA CONSTITUCIÓN EN CEROS Y UNOS: UN ACERCAMIENTO DIGITAL AL DERECHO A LA INTIMIDAD Y LA SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA, 77 REV. JUR. UPR 45 (2008)*

*CREATIVE COMMONS PUERTO RICO Y LA AGENDA DE CONTENIDO LIBRE, 69 REVISTA COLEGIO ABOGADOS DE PR 151 (2008)*

*DERECHO CONSTITUCIONAL, 75 REV. JUR. UPR 29 (2006)*

*DERECHO ADMINISTRATIVO, 74 REV. JUR. UPR 531 (2005)*

*DERECHO ADMINISTRATIVO, 73 REV. JUR. UPR 509 (2004)*

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

- *Commonwealth of Puerto Rico*
- *Federal Circuit Court for the First Circuit*
- *Federal District Court, Puerto Rico*

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

- *Visiting Professor, University of Ottawa; January 2014, January 2015, January 2017*
- *Visiting Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law, March 2014*

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

- Board of Directors Member, *Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, University of Puerto Rico
- Co-lead, *Creative Commons Puerto Rico*
- Executive Committee Member of the *Association of American Law Schools* 2010 Internet and Computer Law Section (2010-2011)
- Board of Advisors Member, University of Puerto Rico Business Law Journal
- SELA Member (Yale Law School), Seminar in Latin America on Constitutional and Political Theory <http://www.law.yale.edu/intellectuallife/SELA.htm>
- Member of the Puerto Rico Bar Association Committee on Intellectual Property (2012)
- Founder and Contributor of Puerto Rican Blog [www.derechoalderecho.org](http://www.derechoalderecho.org).
- Columnist at [www.80grados.net](http://www.80grados.net)