

**Juan José López Ortega (Spain)**

**Place and date of birth:** 2 August 1956, Madrid, Spain

**United Nations working languages:** Spanish, French

**Current position/function:**

Judge. President of Section Four of the Provincial Court of Madrid specialized in the application of juvenile criminal law.

Associate Professor at Carlos III University of Madrid and of the “Bartolomé de las Casas” Institute of Human Rights.

**Main professional activities:**

Counsel at the Constitutional Court (1993–1994).

Judge at the Criminal Chamber of the National High Court (1997–2002).

Expert for the Council of Europe in the evaluation procedures of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) (2000).

Consultant in various cooperation activities in the field of the administration of justice and human rights in El Salvador (1998–2001), Paraguay (2001), Dominican Republic (2003), Guatemala (2004), Romania (2002–2007) and Bulgaria (2005–2006)

Expert in the EU project for the capacity-building of the persons responsible for international human rights law for the purposes of preparing periodic reports by virtue of the international commitments assumed by the Kingdom of Morocco (2015).

**Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

Member of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (2011–2017).

Member of the National Committee on the Forensic Use of DNA (2009–2012).

Director of the training courses for judges organized by the General Council of the Judiciary on “Enforced Disappearance and Human Rights” and “Transitional Justice, Victims and Human Rights”.

**Educational background:**

Degree in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid (1974–1979).

University specialist in Human Rights. Complutense University (1988–1990).

Fellow at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, and student at the 22nd Study Session of the Institut International des Droits de l’Homme (1991).

**List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

1. “Bilan de la mise en œuvre de la Convention pour la protection de toutes les personnes contre les disparitions forcées, dix ans après son adoption”, in *Réciprocité et universalité. Sources et régimes du droit international des droits de l’homme* (Mélanges en l’honneur du Professeur Emmanuel Decaux) Editions A. Pedone 2017.
2. “España ante los órganos internacionales de protección de los derechos humanos” [Spain and the international human rights protection bodies]. In the training course for “International Humanitarian Law: Law of Geneva and Law of the Hague. Most serious international crimes. United Nations Resolutions. Women, peace and security” (2017).
3. “El derecho a la memoria histórica: Verdad, justicia y reparación de las víctimas de la guerra civil y el franquismo” [The right to historical memory: Truth, justice and reparation of the victims of the Spanish Civil War and of Francoism], in “Nuevos retos y

amenazas a la protección de los derechos humanos en la era de la globalización” [New challenges and threats to the protection of human rights in the era of globalization] (Chinchón Álvarez J. coord). Editorial Tirant lo Blanch 2016.

4. “El delito de desaparición forzada en el Código Penal español” [The offence of enforced disappearance in Spain’s Criminal Code]. Presentation given at the training course for prosecutors “La reforma del Código Penal operada por la LO 1/2015” [The amendment of the Criminal Code implemented by Organic Law 1/2015] (2015).

5. “Las desapariciones forzadas en España a la luz de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas” [Enforced disappearances in Spain in the light of the United Nations Convention], in “Desapariciones forzadas de niños en Europa y Latinoamérica: Del convenio de la ONU a las búsquedas a través de ADN” [Enforced Disappearances of children in Europe and Latin America: From the UN Convention to DNA-based searches] (Casado M. and López Ortega J. J. coords.). Universitat de Barcelona – 2014.