

## Tamara Adrian

Tamara Adrián is a Venezuelan lawyer, graduating from the Andrés Bello Catholic University in Caracas, *summa cum laude*, 1976. She obtained a Doctorate in Law degree, mention *très bien* from Paris 2 University, France, 1982, and a Diploma in Comparative Law from the Paris Institute of Comparative Law, this same year. She is a retired professor for undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral degrees at the Andrés Bello Catholic University, and a part time professor at the Central University and at the Metropolitan University of Venezuela in several subjects. She is the author of many articles and books relating to the legal matters she teaches, as well as LGTTTBI law. Her works have been published and she has lectured in Venezuela, Colombia, France, United States, Holland, Peru and other countries. As a transsexual lesbian woman, she is always striving for the recognition and protection of civil and human rights of lesbian, gays, transsexual, transgender and intersexual people. As a feminist woman, she is part of the women's movement of Venezuela, always fighting for women's rights.

She is the President for the Committee of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT), the Co-President of the Board of Directors of GATE Global Action for Trans Equality and a member of the Board of Directors of WPATH and PLAFAM. She is member of the Scientific Committee for the Chair Human Rights and Sexuality of the UNESCO, member of the Advisory Committee of HRH and member of the Scientific Committee on Sexuality for the WAS. She was the Co-Secretary General Alternate (2013-2015) and the World Trans Secretary (2010-2013) of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA).

Tamara is the author of laws on gender identity (draft), civil partnership, non-discrimination and civil registry (submitted but not discussed) to the National Assembly of Venezuela. She is an active participant in many of the country's leading legal movements on gender and sexual diversity, and she proposed amendments to the Venezuelan constitution in 2007 about LGTTTBI rights that were reproduced in the Ecuadorian and Bolivian constitutions as of 2008 and 2009. She proposed amendments to multiple laws such as gender equality, civil registration and the organic law against racism. She was a participant in the American States Organization General Assembly in Medellin 2008 that issued the first resolution concerning protection of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. She has further participated in the American States Organization General Assembly as part of the Latin American and Caribbean civil society coalition devoted to LGBTI rights.

Tamara has acted as special advisor on human rights for the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization, related to sexual health and sexuality. She was part of the international committee that reviewed and approved the current WPATH Standards of Care for Trans and Intersex People and part of the drafting committee for the Proposal of an American Convention on Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights, coordinated by Catholics for Choice and the Campaign for a Convention.

She was awarded with the Human Rights Prize "Luis Maria Olaso", 2009, and a special mention of the Human Rights Prize of the Embassy of Canada in Venezuela 2012. She is, with her organization Diverlex, Diversidad e Igualdad a Través de la Ley, the current ILGA's World Trans Secretary and has been involved in all strategic litigations concerning LGTTTBI rights in Venezuela and Latin America. Tamara joined the ICASO board in 2020.