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I was born in Panama City on November 25, 1957 in a large and close-knit family, with a strong social and political root. I did my studies at Colegio Javier, an institution run by Jesuit, who instilled solid civic values and morals as well as a strong sense of social solidarity. I studied law at the University of Panama while working with an important law firm as a paralegal assistant.

Upon receiving me as a lawyer in 1984, I worked for a year at the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, as an advisor to the department of trademarks and commerce, and then between 1985 and 1989, as a partner in the firm Jácome, Pazmiño & Suero.

In 1994, with the return of democracy in Panama, I worked as head of the legal department of the Presidency of the Republic during the government of President Guillermo Endara and in 1995, founded the firm Jacome de la Guardia & Asociados. From 1999 to 2003 he worked the speeches of President Mireya Moscoso, and from 2004 to 2007 as Director of the Judicial Technical Police. Between 2001 and 2002, I was deputy Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice.

Since 2006, I have been a partner in the firm Cruz, Jácome and Villarreal. I speak Spanish and English.

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT AMONG OTHER ATTORNEYS?

I believe that my first commitment is to professional ethics, speaking clearly to the client and not creating false expectations that seek my economic benefit and dedicating all the knowledge and time so that the result is achieved in the shortest time, with the lowest cost.

MENTION SOME OF YOUR RECENT SUCCESSFUL REPRESENTATIONS

Between 2007 and 2017, I represented Pfizer Inc., Astra Zeneca, Sanofi Aventis, Takeda and Novartis in the case of illicit drug trafficking and counterfeiting that has been processed in Panama. I also represented Pfizer in various counterfeit Viagra cases. Our focus at present is oriented to administrative matters, arbitration, immigration, and assets managements.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN LAW?

From a very young age I felt passion for justice and the law, and the need to improve the living conditions of society through politics, therefore, I understood that the ideal profession to get involved and promote those changes was the legal profession. That is why I have alternated my professional life, between public service and private practice.



WHAT ADVICE COULD YOU GIVE TO A YOUNG ATTORNEY?

One, to maintain a solid professional ethic, the lawyer is presented with many opportunities to take advantage of the ignorance of a client or of some circumstance. To do so is to commit a crime and sooner or later it will affect his career and personal life. And two, to study, stay up-to-date with changes in law and jurisprudence.

HAVE YOU DONE ANY PRO BONO WORK?

I legally attend various non-profit foundations.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

None in particular, but I like to garden and repair things.

ARE YOU A SPORTS FAN? WHAT SPORT? WHAT'S YOUR TEAM?

I like golf, tennis, baseball and soccer, I am a fan of Nadal, Tiger Woods, the 49ners, the Yankees and Real Madrid, of course.

WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE?

I like Soft Rock, salsa music and of course typical Panamanian music.

OTHER INFORMATION

Happily married to Blanca and father of three children, Aida Patricia, Jaime Alberto Jr. and José Ricardo, waiting for the grandchildren.
