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## Education

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- **1972 - Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA**  
Master in Civil Law. Recipient of a full academic scholarship.
- **1971 - Universidad de Panamá, Panama City, Panamá**  
Major: Law (J.D. Equivalent); Minor: Political Science  
Attended night school full time while holding up a full time job.
- **1963 Colegio La Salle, Panama City, Panamá**  
High School degree of Bachelor of Science and Letters.

## Professional Experience

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- **2009 Panamanian Permanent Ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS)**
- **1973 – 2009 Professor of Commercial Law**
  - Corporations
  - Business Contracts
  - Negotiable Documents
  - Admiralty Law
  - Banking Law
  - Lecture in diverse conferences for local and international universities and institutions including
    - \*The John Hopkins University in Washington D.C.
    - \*Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.
    - \*Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.
    - \*The Council of Foreign Relations, New York.
    - \*America's Society, New York.
    - \*The Combined Arms Center in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
- **1973 – 2009 Cochez-Martinez y Asociados**
  - Partner at his own private firm specializing in torts, class actions, commercial, corporate, banking and financial law.
  - Provide Arbitration and Mediation services in diverse cases
  - Legal counseling for issues to locals and internationals

- **2002 Center for Arbitration and Mediation of Panama**
  - Arbitrator for the most important center for arbitration and mediation in Panama
- **1975-1977 Intergovernmental Committee for European Migrations (today International Organization for Migration)**
  - Coordinate of the migrations toward Cuba of Chilean dissenting party of the military regime, in corroboration with ACNUR and providing European experts to the Panamanian industries.
- **1978-1982 Secretary General of the Christian Democratic Party**
- **1982-1990 Vice-president of the Christian Democratic Party**
- **1984-1989 and 1991-1994 Legislative Branch of the Republic of Panama**
  - Legislator, earning experience with this in matters of Public Administration.
  - Work in some of the most important regulations in the country after the dictatorship, such as: Retirement Act and Reform to preferential interests loans for popular Low income house construction, among others.

**1989-1991 Mayor of Panama City, Panama**

- One of his major accomplishments includes the project of building the Fish Market.

**Leadership Achievements**

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- **2009** Named one of the main speakers during the political campaign of Panama's current president, His Excellence Mr. Ricardo Martinelli.
- **2008** worked as consultant for Panamanian Banking Superintendence in order to update Panamanian baking legislation.
- **2008-1980** Participated in many political events in Europe and America, including Committees in the United States Congress, the Congress of Venezuela, the National Assembly in Costa Rica, among others.
- **1989** Participation as delegate in meetings organized by OAS Secretary after the annulment of the elections in Panama by the military regime.

**Publications**

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- **2009** – Mountains do Move (*Las Montañas Si se Mueven*), a political autobiography.
- **2004** - Notions on Commercial Law, use to teach the course Business Law I in the Universidad de Panama.
- Among various articles of interest in local and international newspapers such as The Wall Street Journal, The Miami Herald, Newsday, and some others in Venezuela, Costa Rica and Panama.
- Nowadays Mr. Cochez is a regular columnist in Panamanian newspapers: La Estrella de Panama and the Panama America. Previously he wrote for La Prensa and El Siglo.