Luis Moreno-Ocampo of Argentina has been first Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court since 2003. Between 1984-92, as a Prosecutor in Argentina, Moreno-Ocampo was involved in prosecutions of top military commanders for mass killings and other large-scale human rights abuses. He was the Assistant Prosecutor in the “Military Junta” trial against Army commanders accused of masterminding the “dirty war”, and other cases of human rights violations by the Argentine military. Moreno-Ocampo was in charge of the extradition from the US of former Argentine General Carlos Guillermo Suárez Mason, and in the investigation and prosecution of guerrilla leaders and of those responsible for two military rebellions in Argentina. He also took part in the case against Army commanders accused of malpractice during the Malvinas/Falklands war, as well as in dozens of major cases of corruption.

Moreno-Ocampo resigned as Prosecutor of the Federal Criminal Court of Buenos Aires in 1992 and established a private law firm specializing in corruption control programs for large firms and organisations, criminal and human rights law. He also took on a number of pro bono activities, among others as legal representative for the victims in the extradition of former Nazi officer Erich Priebke to Italy, the trial of the chief of the Chilean secret police for the murder of General Carlos Prats, and several cases concerning political bribery, journalists’ protection and freedom of expression.

Moreno-Ocampo was the president of Transparency International for Latin America and the Caribbean. He has served as on the global Advisory Board and the Board of Transparency International, a worldwide organisation whose aim is to reduce corruption in business transactions. The founder and president of Poder Ciudadano, Moreno-Ocampo also served as member of the Advisory Board of the “Project on Justice in times of transition” and “New Tactics on Human Rights.”

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