

Prof. Dr. MANUEL ORTELLS-RAMOS

Born in Vila-real (Spain), October 9, 1952. Since 1985, he has been a Professor at the University of Valencia in Procedural Law (Constitutional and Theoretical Foundations of Procedural Law, Law on Organization of Courts, Civil and Criminal Procedural Law).

He holds a Law degree (major in Public Law), with Honors, by the University of Valencia (1975), a PhD in Law, *cum laude* and with Honors, by the University of Valencia (1977), and he completed his postdoctoral research with a grant from the *Max-Planck Gesellschaft*, at the *Max-Planck Institut für Ausländisches und Internationales Strafrecht* in Freiburg im Breisgau (1978).

Along with his main commitment to the University, he has had other roles in law practice and high responsibilities in public government:

- 1) Deputy Judge of the High Court of Valencia (1986-90).
- 2) Secretary General of the University of Valencia (1990-93).
- 3) Secretary General of the Department of Education and Science of the regional Government of the Autonomous Community of Valencia (1993-95).
- 4) Under-secretary for Public Administrations in the Government of Spain (1995-96).
- 5) Member of the Board of Directors of Telefónica de España SA (1995-96).

His academic career in the Spanish University System began at the University of Oviedo (as an Assistant Professor), and continued at the University of Valencia (as an Assistant and then, following a statewide competitive exam in 1979, as an Associate Professor). After a statewide competitive exam, he became Professor in Procedural Law at the University of Extremadura in January 1984.

At the national level, his academic work has been developed as:

- 1) The main author of *Introducción al Derecho Procesal* ('Introduction to Procedural Law', of which six editions have been published to date) and *Derecho Procesal Civil* ('Civil Procedural Law', ten editions since 2000).
- 2) Author of the books *El embargo preventivo* ('Freezing Orders'), *Las medidas cautelares* ('Precautionary measures'), *El proceso penal*

abreviado ('Summary Criminal Proceedings') and *La ejecución de condenas no dinerarias en la Ley de Enjuiciamiento Civil* ('Enforcement of Judgments Awarding Remedies in Kind under the Spanish Civil Procedure Act').

3) Co-author of the book *Las medidas cautelares en Derecho de la competencia* ('Precautionary Measures under Competition Law'), in *Proceso Civil Práctico* ('Civil Procedure in Practice'), a major commentary on the Spanish Civil Procedure Act 2000 (several editions since 2002). Co-director and co-author of *El proceso penal en la doctrina del Tribunal Constitucional* ('Criminal Proceedings under the Case Law by the Constitutional Court'), an extensive analytical work of a period of twenty-five years of case law by the Spanish highest court.

4) Author of over one hundred publications, including chapters in books, conference papers and journal articles. These contributions have been collected so far in six volumes (<http://ortellsramos.bubok.com>).

5) Supervisor of five research projects funded by public funds in competitive programs, and developed by a large team of researchers from the University of Valencia, trained under his leadership.

6) Director of series on procedural topics, member of editorial advisory boards of several scientific journals.

7) Member and President of the advisory committee that evaluates, at the national level, the research activity of university professors in legal matters.

His academic activity has also been developed at the international level:

1) Visiting professor at leading universities in Chile: University of Chile, an almost two-hundred year old University, and the universities of Valparaiso, Concepción and Andes.

2) Lecturer and speaker at seminar sessions at universities and other legal institutions in different countries. In Europe, *Albert-Ludwigs Universität* in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany; *Università degli Studi di Bologna* and the *Università di Roma Tor Vergata*, in Italy; the *Cour de Cassation*, in France; and the *Hogue Raad*, in the Low Countries. In Latin America, at several universities in Colombia, Uruguay, and Venezuela, as well as the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

3) Responsible for organizing two international conferences (with Prof. Robles Garzón, the XX Latin American Workshop on Procedural Law, Málaga, October 2006; the IAPL Colloquium in Gandia, Valencia, November 2008, *Oral and Written proceedings: efficiency in civil procedure*).

4) Vicepresident of the American Institute of Procedural Law. Member of the International Association of Procedural Law, and of its advisory board from September 2007, of the Iberoamerican Institute of Bankruptcy Law and of the *Société de Législation Comparée*.