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Mauricio J. Tamargo is a founding attorney and Director of the Global Rule of Law & Liberty Legal Defense Fund (the Fund) — a Washington, DC-based non-profit. The Fund is dedicated to assisting victims of wrongful persecution by regimes and corrupt governments. This assistance includes legal representation on the victims behalf in the courts system of the foreign country, or in an international human rights venue, as well as public affairs tools.

With over 25 years of government affairs and public policy experience, Tamargo has worked in government service, private legal practice, and non-profit public policy advocacy. From 2002 to 2010 Tamargo served as Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States at the Department of Justice (“FCSC”) and prior to that he held several senior congressional and state legislative positions.

During his employment by Congress, Tamargo was Staff Director and Legal Counsel to three House Committee on International Relations Subcommittees that included the International Operations and Human Rights, the International Economic Policy and Trade, and the Africa Subcommittees. During that time he also served as Chief of Staff and General Counsel to Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL).

During his tenure as Chairman of the FCSC, Tamargo administered and implemented three claims programs; the Albania Claims Program, the Second Cuba Claims Program and the Libya Claims Program, adjudicating hundreds of property and personal injury claims which resulted in over \$400 million in compensation for US citizens. He also modernized much of the claims process and digitized records of past claims programs. During that time he also served as Chairman of the Guam War Claims Review Commission and as an Advisor to the U.S Commission on Assistance to a Free Cuba.

He has testified before several Congressional committees such as the House Committee on Natural Resources, the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committees regarding claims and other legislative issues.

Born in Cuba, Tamargo is a fluent Spanish speaker who earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Miami and a Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Virginia, Florida, Texas and the District of Columbia Bars and has been a member of the US Court of Federal Claims, Supreme Court of the United States, American Bar Association, Cuban American Bar Association and DC Hispanic Bar Association.