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“THE BEAUTY AND TALENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION IS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A LOT OF EVIDENCE. YOU HAVE TO BE CREATIVE WITHIN THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK.”

– ALMUDENA BERNABEU

LEADING INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTOR

As a leading international attorney, Almudena Bernabeu tirelessly fights to bring the world's worst human rights abusers to justice.

Almudena is currently International Attorney and Transitional Justice Director at the **Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA)** in San Francisco. She led the CJA's work in Spain in the recent genocide trial in Guatemala against Efraim Rios Montt. The trial was the first time in history that a head of state was sentenced for genocide in a national court. She also was responsible for filing a landmark case against senior Salvadoran officials for the massacre of Jesuit priests in 1989, making CJA internationally known for its work on Universal Jurisdiction in Europe.

In 2011, Almudena's work in Guatemala was featured in the documentary **Granito: How to Nail a Dictator**, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

In 2012, she won the Katharine and George Alexander Law Prize and the **Yo Dona Magazine** prize for her exemplary professional career. She was listed in 2012 as one of **Time** magazine's 200 most influential people. In 2013, **El País** named her one of the top 13 most influential leaders in the Spanish and Latin American world.

Almudena has been a **featured panelist and speaker** for institutions including Berkeley Law, Santa Clara University and Oxford University.

Speaking Topics

- Human Rights and International Law in Latin America
- Human Rights Litigation in National Courts
- Transitional justice in post conflict societies
- Prosecuting the Jesuit Massacre Case
- The 13 Year Struggle to Bring Rios Montt to Court

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