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In 1975 he obtained his Master's Degrees in Law (*cum laude*) and in Classical Studies (*high distinction*) by the University of Barcelona and joined the Bar Association.

In 1979, he became head of the Department of Classical Greek in a High School of Barcelona and continued his legal practice as well, until 1989.

From 1980 to 1983 he was member of the Board of Trustees of AFS-International Scholarships (New York).

In 1989 he was appointed Judge and served as such in Valls, Arenys de Mar, Lleida, Sabadell and Barcelona (Family Judge in the latter). In 1997 he was elected Chief Judge ("Decano") by the 176 Judges of the Bench of Barcelona and re-elected in 2001. As Chief Judge he was responsible for judicial databases and common infrastructures in Barcelona, and for complaints of citizens about the administrative aspects of the courts. As Chief Judge he was member of the Governing Chamber of the Superior Court of Catalonia, also with responsibilities on complaints. He was member of the ICT Commission of the Spanish General Council of the Judicial Power.

He has been during three years associate teacher in the Spanish Judicial School.

From 1989 on he has been active as expert of the Council of Europe in programs relating to the judiciary for Eastern European countries. He has been active too in advising on legislative changes in the fields of judicial organization, civil law and procedural law, mediation and data protection, as well as in teaching, lecturing and publishing on those subjects.

In December 2003 he was appointed for five years, by joint decision of the European Parliament and the Council of the EU, as Deputy European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS). In the distribution of tasks with his colleague, he was responsible for the supervision of all EU institutions and bodies (including all agencies) -prior checking of data processing, inspections, complaints, etc-, notwithstanding the joint common decisions on both supervision and legislative advice.

Since February 2009 he is judge in the Appeal Court of Barcelona.