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José Ramón Cossío Díaz was born in Mexico City in 1960. He attended Law School at the University of Colima, where he graduated with honors in 1984. In 1987, he completed a Master’s degree in Constitutional Law and Political Science in the Center of Constitutional Studies of Madrid (Spain) and in 1988, he received a doctorate *summa cum laude* from the Complutense University of Madrid.

Cossío started his professional career as a legal scholar in 1983. He has held teaching positions in several Mexican Law Schools, in addition to his tenure at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM), where he was Dean of its Law School from 1995 to 2003.

His professional experience combines teaching, legal research and public service. Although the focus of his work is constitutional law, he has also done extensive research and writing in other legal fields. He has supervised numerous dissertations and has delivered speeches, courses, seminars and conferences in national and foreign universities. He has authored 21 books, coordinated four and compiled two. Dr. Cossío has also a variety of articles published in academic journals, law reviews, digests and newspapers.

He has received important acknowledgments and awards, such as the National Research Prize in the field of social sciences from the Mexican Academy of Sciences in 1998; the National Science and Arts Award in the field of history in 2009; the “José Pagés Llergo” National Communication Prize in 2010, and the National “Malinalli” Award for the advancement of the Arts, Human Rights and Cultural Diversity in 2011. The Mexican National Academy of Medicine granted him a special recognition in 2010 for his contribution to strengthen the relationship between law and medicine. In 2011, he was appointed as the first Distinguished Jurist in Residence at the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law at the University of Houston Law Center.

Dr. Cossío is a member of several prestigious academic, scientific and professional institutes and boards such as: the Mexican National Research System as a level III Researcher, the Mexican National Academy of Sciences, the American Law Institute, the Mexican Bar Association, the Advisory Council of Sciences of Mexico, the Mexican National Institute of Genomic Medicine, the Mexican Academy of International Law, and Mexico’s National Academy of Medicine —being the first lawyer to become a member—. On February 2014, he was inducted into Mexico’s *Colegio Nacional*. This organization is a public entity limited to 40 members-for-life at any one time, which

convenes the most accomplished minds in the fields of philosophy, sciences, and the arts to further the free exchange of ideas to benefit society. He also participates in the editing boards of several specialized reviews, both domestic and international.

Dr. Cossío was appointed Justice to the Supreme Court of Mexico in 2004, where he currently serves, while he continues his work as a legal scholar. He is also the editor of the “Health and Law” Section of the Medical Gazette of Mexico and writes a bimonthly column for “El Universal”, one of the major Mexican newspapers.