


## BIOGRAFIA

### JURISTAS

	<p><b>Carlos José Gutiérrez Gutiérrez</b></p> <p><i>Born: Feb. 26, 1927, Managua, Nicaragua</i> <i>Died: April 11, 1999, Miami, Fla., U.S.</i></p>
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Father's Name: GUTIERREZ, DANIEL and Mother's Name: GUTIERREZ, ADELA

Surviving Spouse and Beloved Companion: FLORA DE GUTIERREZ

Carlos Jose Gutierrez was the Dean of the University of Costa Rica Law School, 1964-1972, member of the Costa Rican Congress and thereafter Costa Rica's Foreign Minister, Minister of Justice, Ambassador to Germany and the United Nations. His appointment to so many high official positions tells a story of extraordinary accomplishment and devotion to his country and to Central America. Not as well known is his impact upon Costa Rica's legal education and economic development. As Dean of the University of Costa Rica Law School, he was responsible for hosting and encouraging a program of reform which transformed a system largely aloof from its socio-economic context to one increasingly aware of the role of law as a primary tool for the betterment of the society it governs. Having hosted as Dean the Program of Legal Reform (Programa de Reforma Juridica, sponsored by USAID and directed by Boris Kozolchyk, the NLCIFT's founder and president, Dean Gutierrez made it possible to introduce successfully in Costa Rica a problem oriented and comparative law method of teaching and research as had not been done before in Latin America. He was also instrumental in the creation of legal aid clinics, clerkship programs at the Costa Rican Supreme Court, legislative committee research staffs and in the publication of collected Supreme Court decisions. His work at the Costa Rican Congress, at the School of Law and as Minister of Justice significantly enhanced Costa Rica's reputation as the most rule of law oriented legal system in Latin America. This reputation, together with the high literacy rate of Costa Rica's workers attracted a considerable amount of foreign investment to Costa Rica starting in the nineteen seventies and continuing until the present time. Those who were privileged to be his friends knew him as a devoted family man and true friend, as a deeply religious and moral human being and as the possessor of the profound wisdom and courage that made him a key supporter of racial equality in Costa Rica and of the liberation of Soviet Jews. Carlos Jose Gutierrez belongs among those intellectuals blessed with the ability to do good work and who in the course of their lifetime manage to do it.

#### **SOME OF HIS PUBLISHED WORKS IN THE NLCIFT COLLECTION INCLUDE:**

**EL FUNCIONAMIENTO DEL SISTEMA JURÍDICO** (1979 Juricentro)

**EL PENSAMIENTO POLÍTICO COSTARRICENSE: LA SOCIAL DEMOCRACIA** (1986 - Libro Libre)

**VIDA DE CARLOS III** (CJG de los Ríos, A Morel-Fatio, AP y Meliá -1988 - Fundación Universitaria Española)

**LA REVOLUCIÓN FRANCESA VISTA POR EL EMBAJADOR DE ESPAÑA, CONDE**

Fernán Núñez, CJG de los Ríos, R Prieto - Fundación Universitaria Española

**UNA CONVERGENCIA DE IUSNATURALISMOS** (1965 - Universidad de Costa Rica, Escuela de Derecho)

**COSTA RICA, CONSTITUCION POLITICA, ANOTADA. PACTO DE CONCORDIA. SINTESIS DEL PROCESO CONSTITUCIONAL** (Imprint San Jose : Equidad de Centroamerica, c1975)

*Parlamentarismo o presidencialismo: opciones para el sistema político costarricense*, CJ GUTIÉRREZ - REVISTA PARLAMENTARIA (1995)

