

## PRELIMINARY NOTE

When Professor Antonio María Hernández proposed that we undertake this work, I immediately accepted, convinced that it is a central issue for the contemporary constitutional State. I show my appreciation to Professor Hernández and the eminent jurists who contribute with their guiding analysis.

Perhaps corruption is the oldest problem of the state organization because it occurs whenever there is arbitrariness and arrogance in the exercise of power, and these are evils that constitutionalism strives to overcome, without having fully achieved it.

In many cases, the fight against corruption is only a rhetorical position; in others, it is a genuine goal but with wrong or incomplete instruments. In this work, the vicissitudes of this struggle will be seen through the examples that Professor Hernández and I consider worthy of the greatest attention.

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