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Writer, poet, columnist, human rights activist. Lawyer, graduated from the Universidad Católica “Andres Bello” in 1992 and specialist in criminal science and criminology both by the UCAB (1996) and the UCV (2011). Undergraduate and postgraduate university professor in the Universidad Católica “Andres Bello” (since 1996 until today) and in the Universidad Central de Venezuela (since 200 until today). Dominical columnist of the “La Voz” newspaper and digital media like www.lapatilla.com and www.runrun.es. Among his many published works, which include several politic essays, legal monographs, the ones that stand out are: “El gobierno de la Intolerancia” (Books from “El Nacional”, January 2010) and, in the literary field, his three poetry books titled: “Las otras lunas y el mundo” (February, 2007), the “Crónicas del Rinoceronte, del León y de los Avestruces” (November, 2007) and his book of poems “Nocturnatios” (Bid&Co Editors, November 2013); also, his novels “Ausencias deja la noche” (January 2010, Venezuela) and “Sentir la sed” (Short fictional story, Venezuela, November 2010). Founding partner of the Himiob, Romero & Asociados, Law Firm. Coordinator of the criminal area and criminologist of this law firm since 1993; and associate researcher of the Centro de Investigaciones Jurídicas de la Universidad Católica “Andres Bello”, since 2001. He used to be the coordinator of the civil association “Foro Constitucional de Venezuela” (1999-2000) founding member of the NGO VIVE (Venezuelan victims of violations against Human Rights). Since 2002 until today, he is a founding member and national director of the NGO “Foro Penal Venezolano”, since 2004. He has received the following awards: Reconocimiento del Círculo de Periodismo Científico de Venezuela y del Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Prensa. July, 1999. Medal from the Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Caracas. Reconocimiento al Mérito, June 2009. Recognition for his works in Human Rights with several organizations like Rotary Internacional (as a public servant in 2009), and from private and public organizations. He received the Orden Bicentenario del Ilustre Colegio de Abogado de Caracas. June 2014 and the award “Ciudadano Ejemplar”, in its first and only class, in charge of the Alcaldía Metropolitana de Caracas. July 2014. Athlete, musician, and father of two.