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Professor Connie de la Vega writes extensively on international human rights law and participates in United Nations human rights meetings. She has submitted amicus briefs detailing international law standards to U.S. courts for juvenile death penalty and affirmative action cases, including *Roper v. Simmons* and *Graham and Sullivan v. Florida*, and has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court. De la Vega is co-author of *The American Legal System for Foreign Lawyers* (Wolters Kluwer, 2011) and *International Human Rights Law: An Introduction* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007), and serves on the advisory group for the Human Rights Institute at Columbia University. She established the Frank C. Newman International Human Rights Law Clinic at USF and is a founding member of Human Rights Advocates. Before she was a Managing Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County and Staff Attorney at East Palo Alto Community Law Project. Her fields of expertise are International Human Rights Law, Sentencing Practices, Discrimination and Race, Application of International Law in the U.S., and International Law. She received the Sarlo Prize, University of San Francisco in 2011, and the Dean's Circle Scholar, USF School of Law in 2010. She holds a BA from the Scripps College and a JD, from the University of California Berkeley.