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President of Constitutional Court of Guatemala Gloria Porras Escobar meets with federal judges in Northern District of Illinois

CHICAGO, Ill. - Today Judge Gloria Porras Escobar, President of the Guatemalan Constitutional Court, met with federal district and magistrate judges of the Northern District of Illinois.

"It was an honor to welcome Judge Porras to the Northern District of Illinois. Her courage in upholding justice and human rights in the face of incredible political pressure, entrenched corruption, and despite great personal risk of reprisal is an inspiration to our court," said Chief Judge Rubén Castillo.

Judge Porras was elected to the Guatemalan Constitutional Court in 2011. She has adjudicated some of the most crucial issues in Guatemala today including cases involving corruption, genocide, and crimes against humanity by ranking Guatemalan officials.

While in Chicago, Judge Porras received the Global Jurist of the Year Award from the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern Law School. The award is given to a sitting judge who has demonstrated courage in the face of adversity to uphold and defend fundamental human rights or principles of international criminal justice.

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Judge Porras, president of the Guatemalan Constitutional Court and Chief Judge Castillo, Northern District of Illinois.