



PTV to honor Carlos Sideman, Humanitarian and Business Leader, at Human Dignity Awards Dinner

Carlos Sideman was born into a leading Jewish family in Tucuman, Argentina, and joined his father, José Sideman, in the family's real estate business and work on the family ranch.

Growing up in post-World War II Argentina, Carlos spent his formative years in a country that was the leading haven for the most notorious Nazi war criminals. As a result, he and his family faced many egregious abuses and anti-Semitic acts, including kidnapping, torture, the confiscation of all their property and assets, and eventually exile.

Despite these atrocities, or perhaps because of them, Carlos has devoted his life to the highest standards as a Southern California real estate business leader and humanitarian.

In recognition of his achievements, [PTV is honoring Carlos Sideman at this year's Human Dignity Awards Dinner on May 31](#), along with Sister Dianna Ortiz and California Labor Commissioner Julie Su. Carlos will receive [PTV's Visionary Award](#) for his work as founder of the Sideman Foundation for Human Rights as well as his commitment to sustain and expand the life-saving work of PTV.

As a young man, Carlos twice negotiated and secured the release of his father, who was kidnapped by both the left and the right amidst 1970s Argentina's culture of violence and human rights abuses. Then in 1976, after the military government illegally confiscated all of his family's assets, Carlos's parents fled the country under renewed threat to their lives, and Carlos narrowly escaped becoming one of the targeted individuals that "disappeared" at the hands of the regime.

Once in the United States, Carlos and his father José actively worked to expose the genocide and persecution by the Argentinean military. In retaliation, Argentina demanded the extradition of José Sideman under false pretenses, prompting the Sidemans to file a claim in U.S. courts against Argentina.

In a landmark human rights case heard in federal court in Los Angeles in September 1996, the government of Argentina agreed to settle damage claims made by José Siderman and his family after a 14-year legal battle.

The historic Siderman de Blake v. Republic of Argentina case marked the first time a foreign government was ever put on trial in the United States for abuses committed on its own soil. [PTV co-founders Dr. Jose Quiroga and Ana Deutsch](#) played important roles in the Siderman case, providing expert testimony. Today, nearly all human rights cases cite the Siderman decision as legal grounds to protect individuals from human rights abuses around the world.

Carlos went on to become a top business leader in California and is widely recognized as the founder of the real estate disclosure industry. His company, Property I.D., is dedicated to protecting consumers when purchasing real property and protecting sellers from unwanted and avoidable litigation by ensuring timely disclosure.

As a way to honor his father, Carlos partnered with the Fulbright Commission in Argentina to create and fund the Fulbright-José Siderman Human Rights Fellowship at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles. Today, the Fellowship brings Argentinean lawyers to the United States to complete their L.L.M. degree in Civil Liberties and Human Rights Advocacy. Fellowship graduates today hold top positions in Argentina and the United Nations. Carlos's dream is to see this leadership program expand to other countries.

Carlos believes that one person and one voice can make a difference; in fact, he is living proof. The Siderman Foundation for Human Rights is Carlos's vision and vehicle to educate and empower legal minds to serve the people of their countries and make a difference in human rights.

[For his full bio, please click here.](#)