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Manuel J. Fernós, Esq. has devoted a great part of his life to promoting social, ethical and professional formation of the youth. As an educator he has held the following educational and administrative positions at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico: Professor of the School of Law since 1979, Dean of the School of Law (1985-1992), Chancellor of the Metropolitan Campus (1992-1999) and has been University President since 1999.

During his incumbency as President of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, he has succeeded in increasing academic offerings and has achieved a 50 million-dollar expansion in construction projects, among which a new building for the School of Optometry

at the Bayamón Campus, a new building for the Computer Science and Telecommunications Center at the San German Campus, a Student Center at the Barranquitas Campus, the construction of dormitories at the Bayamón Campus and the expansion of facilities at the Aguadilla, Arecibo, Fajardo, Guayama and Ponce campuses, and at the School of law.

He established the Assistant Vice-Presidency for Distance Learning and Technological Development for the support of a continuously growing Distance Learning Academic Program with over 18,000 student enrollments in 18 academic programs. In addition, he achieved the expansion of the Exchange and International Cooperation Programs, which at present include more than 100 agreements with prestigious institutions located in 15 countries in North America, Europe and Latin America.

Manuel J. Fernós is also member of the boards of various associations and organizations working in the field of higher education.