

# MOSSACK FONSECA

## COMMUNIQUÉ

### JÜRGEN MOSSACK AND RAMÓN FONSECA'S RELEASE FROM PREVENTATIVE DETENTION

Panama, April 26th 2017 - On Thursday April 20th, the Second Superior Court of Justice granted release on bail for our founding partners, thus reversing a decision made in February (The Second Superior Court made note of the fact that the judge who made the decision had a limited number of pages from the case file).

Even though we are relieved that our partners are no longer unjust and illegally separated from their friends and family, we are incredibly alarmed by the evident lack of understanding and incredibly flawed execution of the law that the Attorney General and the Public Ministry's office have demonstrated.

It is evident that our partner's alleged involvement in the investigations related to the Lava Jato operation (phase 22) DOES NOT EXIST, a point we have reiterated through our lawyers on several occasions. The official document issued by the Second Superior Court states that no communication has been found via email between our founding partners and Mossack Fonseca Brazil, which proves the illegality of the actions taken by the Public Ministry and Attorney General's office, which in addition to having charged Mr. Mossack and Mr. Fonseca with crimes against the economic order, had also ordered an unnecessary and unjustified precautionary measure in the form of preventative detention.

The Attorney General and the Public Ministry are making questionable interpretations of the Criminal Procedure Code of Panama. Of the three (3) legal grounds that have to be met to justify preventative detention, only one was met: to identify the alleged offense as a felony. They did not take into account that: since February of 2016, the partners knew about the investigation and yet they did not carry out acts to leave the country, who voluntarily went to the Attorney General's office, who do not have criminal records, both of whom maintain strong personal, familial and patrimonial ties to Panama, that have a declared domicile known by the authorities and whom do not represent a danger to their community.

In addition, after multiple searches to the firm's offices and the residences of partners, there was no and will never be a danger of destruction of evidence.

Everything seems to indicate that we continue to give in to pressure placed by international institutions, allowing foreign agents to impose decisions on our laws, to violate them, to issue nonanalytic judgments and condemnations in order to satisfy their personal, political and media interests.

As a contribution to the lack of knowledge on the subject, there is an existing pressure and lack of ethics on the side of member of the media such as La Prensa (the largest Panamanian newspaper), accomplices of the International Consortium of Journalists (ICJ) in the ill-named Panama Papers.

We demand that the Public Ministry move faster in the decision against the inadmissible and unjustified appeal from the Attorney General's office to block the approved bail of Mr. Edison Teano. He is the victim of a deficient system, Edison is currently apprehended as a consequence of the influence of people who look to perpetuate the smear campaign against Panama, for which they have used our firm as the scapegoat.

The firm will continue to cooperate in all the steps being taken, but we appeal to the fair use of legal recourse, requesting that each process fully comply with the legal system in force in the Republic of Panama not only in our case but in others where preventative detention is also abused.

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