

Former Salvadoran Military Officer Sued in the US for the Killing of Dutch Journalist

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Jenner & Block, in partnership with the [Center for Justice and Accountability](#), and in collaboration with Fundación Comunicádonos and ASDEHU of El Salvador, filed a lawsuit against former Salvadoran Colonel Mario Reyes Mena for his alleged role in the killing of Jan Kuiper, one of four Dutch journalists ambushed and killed in Chalatenango, El Salvador in 1982.

The journalists were reporting on the Salvadoran Civil War and its impact on the lives of civilians when they were ambushed and killed. A report issued by the United Nations Truth Commission in 1993 concluded that Reyes Mena agreed on a plan to ambush the Dutch journalists, and then soldiers acting under his command carried out the murder.

The civil complaint was filed on behalf of Jan Kuiper's brother in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, where Reyes Mena resides.

“We are proud to support our client in this historic case. Today's filing represents an important step in seeking some measure of justice for his brother's killing more than four decades ago,” said Jason Hipp, Co-Chair of Jenner & Block's [Human Rights and Global Strategy Practice](#).

There are two remaining investigations into the murders of the journalists in El Salvador and the Netherlands.

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Read more about the case [here](#).

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