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Professor Pedrozo joined the faculty of the College of Maritime Operational Warfare in September 2019 after retiring from the U.S. Navy. She is assigned to the faculty of the Maritime Staff Operators Course (MSOC) and also teaches in the Joint Force Maritime Component Commanders Course (JFMCC), the Executive Level Operatiors Course, and the International MSOC.

Professor Pedrozo served her last four and a half years at USINDOPACOM where she served as the senior Staff Judge Advocate, overseeing legal issues related to all aspects of operational planning, including counterterrorism, maritime security, sanctions enforcement, competing maritime claims, cyber operations, intelligence operations and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Prior to that, Professor Pedrozo served as the thirtieth Commanding Officer of the Naval Justice School in Newport, RI where she trained all judge advocates and paralegals for U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard. From 2005-2009, Captain Pedrozo was the Fleet Judge Advocate, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and the senior Staff Judge Advocate for JTF-519. She was involved in operational planning of freedom of navigation operations, strategic law of the sea challenges, Pacific Partnership, pandemic planning and the worldwide sonar litigation. During her next assignment at the Naval War College, she taught in JFMCC and participated with the College of Operational and Strategic Leadership in Maritime Operations Center assist visits. In 2010 she was selected as the U.S. Navy Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City where she focused on Law of the Sea issues and security challenges in the Asia Pacific Region.

Earlier in her career, Professor Pedrozo served as the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer, Trial Service Office West. She also served aboard the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) and the USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) as the Carrier Strike Group Judge Advocate for Commander Carrier Strike Group THREE. Other operational law tours included serving as the Head of the Law of the Sea and Operational Law Departments in the Navy JAG International and Operational Law Division and as the Legal Advisor for OPNAV N3/N5. She was also appointed as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and as the Staff Judge Advocate for SUBPAC and for two operational submarine squadrons. Professor Pedrozo completed the Command and Staff curriculum at the Naval War College where she graduated with distinction with a Masters Degree in Strategic Policy and International Relations.

Professor Pedrozo is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Virginia and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Her personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).