



## **Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa**

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### **Court of Appeals State of Texas Fourth Judicial District**

#### **EDUCATION**

- St. Mary's University, B.A.
- St. Mary's University School of Law, J.D.

#### **LICENSED AND ADMITTED**

- State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

#### **WORK HISTORY**

- Fourth Court of Appeals; 2013-present; Justice
- Chapa Law Group, P.C.; San Antonio; 2010-2012; Attorney
- Chapa & Nevarez, P.C.; San Antonio; 2005-2010; Attorney
- Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer & Kern, L.L.P.; Corpus Christi; 2002-2005; Attorney
- Barger, Hermansen, McKibben & Villarreal, L.L.P.; Corpus Christi; 2001-2002; Attorney
- Oaxaca, Bernal & Associates; El Paso; 2000-2001; Attorney
- Lyons & Rhodes, P.C.; San Antonio; 1998-1999; Law Clerk
- Law Offices of Frank Herrera, Jr.; San Antonio; 1997-1998; Law Clerk
- Chief Justice (Ret.) Alma L. López, Fourth Court of Appeals; San Antonio; 1997; Intern
- The Center for Legal and Social Justice; San Antonio; 1997; Law Clerk
- Congressman Frank Tejeda; Washington, D.C.; 1995-1996; Legislative Correspondent
- Congressman Lloyd Doggett; Washington, D.C.; 1995, Intern
- Cauthorn, Hale, Hornberger, Sheehan, Fuller & Becker; San Antonio; 1995; Intern

#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

- St. Mary's University Alumni Association, Member
- St. Mary's University School of Law Alumni Association, Member
- State Bar of Texas, Member
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- San Antonio Bar Association, Member

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- Inns of Court, Member
- Bexar County Women's Bar Association, Member
- Mexican American Bar Association-San Antonio, Member
- San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, Member
- IMPACT SA, Member
- National Charity League-Alamo Chapter, Member
- San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
- League of Women Voters-San Antonio, Member
- Bexar County Democratic Women, Member
- San Antonio Zoo, Member
- Witte Museum, Member
- Southwest School of Art, Member
- El Paso Bar Association, Former Member
- El Paso Young Lawyers Association, Former Member
- Mexican American Bar Association-El Paso, Former Member
- Texas Women Lawyers, Former Member, Board of Directors & Treasurer
- Corpus Christi Bar Association, Former Member
- Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association, Former Member
- Coastal Bend Women Lawyers Association, Former Member

## AWARDS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- State Bar of Texas-Hispanic Issues Section, Judge of the Year Award, 2018
- Mexican American Bar Association-San Antonio, Community Leadership Award, 2015
- San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, 2014 Inductee
- Guardian House, Chairman of the Board (2016-present); (Board Vice President, 2013-2015)
- Healy Murphy Center, Board Vice President and Mentor (2012-2018)
- St. Mary's University Law Alumni Association, Board Member (2013-present), Treasurer (2017-present)
- Clarity Child Guidance Center, Board Member (2016-present)
- 1in5Minds for Clarity Child Guidance Center, Official Advocate (2013-present)
- The Children's Ballet of San Antonio, Board Member (2015-2017)
- St. Anthony's de Padua Catholic Church, Parishioner
- Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Former Parishioner & Faith Formation Teacher (2013-2014)
- Saint Mary's Hall, Parents' Association Board (2009-2012), Family Connections Chair (2011- 2012) and Volunteer (2008-present)
- The Guardian House Luncheon, Chair (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Southwest School of Art, Gala Committee Member, (2011, 2015, 2017)
- Rey Feo Scholarship Fund, Campaign for Walter Serna, Friends of the Court & Committee Member

## PERSONAL

Justice Chapa was raised in El Paso, Texas. She formerly practiced in the area of civil litigation on both sides of the docket in counties across Texas, including Bexar County, Brooks County, Cameron County, Duval County, El Paso County, Hidalgo County, Jim Wells County, Kendall County, Matagorda County, Maverick County, Nueces County, Victoria County, Webb County, and Willacy County.

Justice Chapa has been married for sixteen years to Miguel J. Chapa, an attorney originally from the Rio Grande Valley, and with whom she has two daughters and one son. Justice Chapa is fluent in Spanish and spends the majority of her free time with her family.