



JUSTICE PATRICIA O'CONNELL ALVAREZ

PERSONAL

Born in México City, México

Raised in Monclova, Coahuila, México

From Laredo, Texas

Family: one child and five grandchildren

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, J.D., 1987.

University of Texas at San Antonio, B.B.A. 1982; MBA studies (degree not obtained) Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Monclova, Coahuila, México 1974-1979

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL RATING (as of time of election): AV

TEXAS MONTHLY SUPER LAWYER: 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish and French

BAR ADMISSIONS

1987, Texas; 1992, Florida (non-practicing member); U.S. District Court, Southern (1991), Northern (1991), Eastern (1991) and Western (1989) Districts of Texas, District of Columbia Court of Appeals (2003), U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit (1989) and U.S. Supreme Court (1992).

CERTIFICATION

Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Personal Injury Trial Law.

TEXAS BAR ACTIVITIES

Trustee of the Texas Bar Foundation (2005-2008); Member of the Board of Directors of the College of the State Bar of Texas (2010-2014); Sustaining Member of the Texas State Bar College and the Foundation (1994-present); Member of the Grievance Committee District 12 (2008-2012; Panel Chair 2010-2012); Member of the Hispanic Issues Section of the Texas State Bar (Secretary 2007-2008; Chair 2013-2014); Texas Bar Director for the 12th District (2002-2005; PDP Chair, 2003-2005);

Member of the Continuing Legal Education Committee (2000-2003); Member of the Pattern Jury Charge Volume 2 Committee of the State Bar of Texas (1991-1992); Member of the Pattern Jury Charge Volume 1 Committee of the State Bar of Texas (1993-1994); Member of the Pattern Jury Charge Civil Special Committee (1995-1996); Member of the Pattern Jury Charge Oil & Gas (2014-present).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Board of Trial Advocates "ABOTA" (National Representative Laredo Chapter 2009-2014; secretary San Antonio Chapter 2018-present); American Bar Association (Chair Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee, 1997-1998; Vice-Chair 1998-2002); Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas (President 2008-2009); MABA-San Antonio (Director 2013-2014); Litigation Counsel of America (2007-present); San Antonio Bar Association and Foundation; Bexar County Women's Bar Association; Kendall County Bar Association; Kerr County Bar Association; Maverick County Bar Association; Webb County Bar Association; and Laredo Women's Bar Association. Past member of: International Bar Association; International Association of Defense Counsel; Defense Research Institute (National Director 2004-2007; Vice-Chair Membership and Publications 1997-2002 of Trucking Committee; Vice-Chair Trucking Committee 1999-2001); Association for Trial Defense Attorneys; Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel; Texas Association of Defense Counsel (Director 1998-2001; Vice-President 2001-2002; Vice-President 2008-2011); Transportation Lawyers Association; Trucking Industry Defense Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association (Director 1994-1997).

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member of the UTSA Alumni Board of Directors (2013-2015); Member of the Advisory Board for UTSA Council of the College of Public Policy of UTSA (2014-present); SA-100; Member of the Advisory Board of Texas Migrant Safe Heaven (2008-2014); Member of Leadership Texas (Class of 2008) and of the Foundation for Women's Resources; Member of San Antonio Rotary Club; Member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas (2012-present); Member of the City of Laredo Commission for Women (2007-2011).

AWARDS

- 1999 Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow
- 2011 Dama Award Recipient, Damas de la Cultura de Oro, Laredo, Texas.
- 2012 Inductee in the Hall of Fame of the Laredo Commission for Women and the City of Laredo.
- 2013 Recipient of Judge of the Year Award of MABA-Texas Foundation.
- 2013 Angel of Hope Award Recipient, Laredo, Texas.
- 2013 Chairman Law Day, Webb/Laredo Bar Association.
- 2015 Recipient of the Jim Bowmer Professionalism Award of the College of the State Bar of Texas.
- 2015 Recipient of the Judge of the Year Award of the Hispanic Issues Section of the State Bar of Texas.
- 2015 Recipient of the Legacy Award of the Laredo Center for Hope Foundation.
- 2018 Recipient of the Lulac Council 12 Tejano Achiever Award

PUBLICATIONS

Justice Alvarez's papers and articles are available upon request.