



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: AV

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

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish and French

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas (1987); Florida (1992); 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 Oil & Gas and Energy Resources (2014-present); 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 Charges-Civil Special Committee (1995-1996).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Board of Trial Advocates “ABOTA” (National Representative 2009-2014); American Bar Association (Chair Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee, 1997-1998; Vice-Chair 1998-2002); Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas (President 2008-2009); Litigation Counsel of America (2007-present); San Antonio Bar Association; Bexar County Women’s Bar Association; Maverick County Bar Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association (Director 1994-1997); Webb-Laredo 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member of the UTSA Alumni Board of Directors (2013-present); 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 the Laredo Rotary Club; Member of the Damas de la Cultura de Oro; Member of the City of Laredo Commission for Women (2007-2011); Member of Cathedral of San Agustin Catholic Church, Laredo, Texas (1997-2104); Member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas (2012-present).

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 Angel of Hope Award Recipient, Laredo, Texas.
- 2013 Judge of the Year, MABA-Texas Foundation
- 2014 Chairman Law Day, Webb/Laredo Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

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