



**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**

- American Bar Association, Member
- State Bar of Texas, Member
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- San Antonio Bar Association, Member
- San Antonio Bar Foundation, Fellow
- American Inns of Court, Member

- St. Mary's University Alumni Association, Member
- St. Mary's University School of Law Alumni Association, 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, BOARD SERVICE & 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
- American Bar Association, Judicial Division, Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI), Board of Director (2019-present)
- Clarity Child Guidance Center, Board Member (2016-present)
- 1in5Minds for Clarity Child Guidance Center, Official Advocate (2013-present)
- Guardian House, Chairman of the Board (2016-2018); (Board Vice President, 2013-2015)
- Healy Murphy Center, Board Vice President and Mentor (2012-2018)
- St. Mary's University Law Alumni Association, Board Member (2013-2018), Treasurer (2017-2018)
- 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)
- Clarity Child Guidance Center, Gala Co-Chair (2019)
- 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