



JUSTICE PATRICIA O'CONNELL ALVAREZ (Ret.)

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PERSONAL

Born in México City, México.
Raised in Monclova, Coahuila, México.

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, LLM, 2023.
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 (Administración de Empresas).

PEER RATING (AS OF TIME OF ELECTION)

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL RATING: AV
TEXAS MONTHLY SUPER LAWYER: 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish and French
(Mediations available in Spanish)

BAR ADMISSIONS

1987, Texas; 1992, Florida (none 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).

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Personal Injury Trial Law.
Basic Mediation Certification by Manouso Mediation & Arbitration, LLC.
Advanced Mediation: Family-Divorce-Child Custody Certification by Manouso Mediation & Arbitration, LLC.
Arbitration Training by Manouso Mediation & Arbitration, LLC.
London Arbitration School, Faculty of Law, University of Basel, Switzerland.
Texas Mediator Credentialing Association (Candidate for Credentialed)

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 007-2008; 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- 2024).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Association of Attorney Mediators (present); American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) (National Representative Laredo Chapter 2009- 2014; President San Antonio Chapter 2021; chair Best in Texas Voir Dire Competition 2020-2022); 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 1997-2002of Trucking Committee; Vice-Chair Trucking Committee1999-2001); Association for Trial Defense Attorneys; Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel; Texas Association of Defense Counsel(Director 1998-2001; Vice-President 2001-2002; 2008-2011); Transportation Lawyers Association; Trucking Industry Defense Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association (Director 1994-1997).

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Adjunct Professor at St. Mary's University School of Law
Visiting Senior Judge in the 4th Texas Judicial District

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); Member of the Advisory Board for the Texas International Law Journal (2019-present); Member of Leadership Texas (Class of 2008) and of the Foundation for Women's Resources.

AWARDS

1999, Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow.

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, Chairman Law Day, 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.

2021, Recipient of the Legal Legend Award of the SA-ABOTA Chapter.

2021, Inductee in the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame.

2022, TEX-ABOTA's 2022 Jurist of the Year

LECTURES & PUBLICATIONS

Justice Alvarez's is a recognized lecturer at international, national and statewide levels and has written extensively on the law. Her papers and articles are available upon request.