

Linda Reyna Yanez
Retired Appellate Senior Justice

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EDUCATION: Master of Laws - University of Virginia Law School - 1998
Charlottesville, VA
Juris Doctorate - Thurgood Marshall School of Law -TSU - 1976
Houston, TX
Bachelor of Arts - Pan American University (UTRGV) 1970
Edinburg, TX
Mediation Certification - Harvard Law School Negotiation Institute,
Cambridge, MA

LICENSED: Illinois Supreme Court - 1977
Texas Supreme Court - 1980

United States District Courts:
Northern District of Illinois - Trial Bar
Southern District of Texas

United States Courts of Appeals
Fifth Court of Appeals
Seventh Court of Appeals

POSITIONS HELD:

Visiting Trial Judge - Hidalgo County Auxiliary Criminal
Court - 2011 - present

Visiting Appellate Justice - 13th Court of Appeals, 8th Court
of Appeals - 2019 - present

Senior Justice - 13th Court of Appeals - 1993 - 2010

Harvard Law School Immigration Clinic-
Clinical Instructor - 1991-1993
Consulting Attorney Mexican Consul General, Boston, MA

Harvard Law School - Trial Advocacy Workshop - Faculty
1992 - present

Clinton-Gore Presidential Transition Team - Head

Immigration Team, USDOJ-1992-1993

Regional Counsel-Mexican American Legal Defense &
Educaational Fund, Chicago, IL - 1991

Partner - Weich & Black, Brownsville, TX 1987- 1991
Consulting Attorney, Mexican Consul General - 1987-1991

Law Office of Linda R. Yanez - Brownsville, TX -1981-1987
Consulting Attorney - Border Asso. for Refugees from
Central America (BARCA). Mcallen, TX

Immigration Project Director - Tex Rural Legal Aid-1979-81

Staff Attorney - Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago -
1976-79

Elementary School Teacher - 1971-73

Pres Nixon Cabinet Committee on Opportunity for the Spanish-
Speaking - Washington, D.C.-1970-71

CONTINUING EDUCATION FACULTIES:

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Practice Course - 2007

State Bar of Texas Advanced Criminal Law Course - 2007

University of Texas Law School CLE - Criminal Appeals - 2007

National Judicial College - Fourth Amendment: Comprehensive
Search & Seizure Training for Trial Judges - 2007

State Bar of Texas Litigation Seminar - 2006

State Bar of Texas CLE - Suing and Defending Governmental Entities
2006

University of Valencia Law School, Valencia, Spain - Comparative
Law Lecture - Constitutional Law Dept - 1998

Massachusetts Bar CLE - Immigration Act - Harvard Law School -
1986, Refugee Law - 1993

University of Texas Law School CLE Faculty Immigration Law -
1982 - 91

American Immigration Lawyers Nat'l Conf Speaker - 1985-1991

BAR COMMITTEES:

American Bar Association:

American Law Institute - elected 2004
Committee on Restatement of International Judgements and
Jurisdiction; Committee on Revisions Model Penal Code -
Sentencing Guidelines

American \Bar Asso - Judicial Section

ABA -Nat'l Coordinating Committee on Immigration -1982-90

ABA - Co-Chair Immigration Committee-Individual Rights Section-
1989-93

Chair - Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Law - Litigation
Section -ABA - 1985-87

American Immigration Lawyers Asso - Rio Grande Valley Liaison
1987-91

Texas State Bar Association

Court Administration Task Force -2007-09

State Bar of Texas-Pattern Jury Charge in Intentional Torts and
General Negligence-2005-09

Council Member-Litigation Section - 1996-2005

Editorial Board - The Advocate - Litigation Section - 1996

Long Range Planning Committee, Appellate Practice and Advocacy\
Section - 1996 -2009

State Bar College - 1990

Sub-Committee Chair-Texas State Bar Committee on Unauthorized
Practice of Law - 1989-91

State Bar Committee on Immigration Laws - 1987-91

Board of Directors-State Bar Committee on Concerns of the Spanish Speaking - 1981-82

National Assn of Women Judges

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Directors-Center for Community Change, Washington, D.C. 1993-96

Board of Directors-Advisory Board-American Immigration Law Foundation-Legal Action Center-1992-94

Board of Directors-Massachusetts Immigration & Refugee Advocacy Coalition-1992-94

President, Board of Directors -Chicago Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Protection-1991-92

Legal Advisory Committee - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees -1988-91

Board of Directors - Texas Rural Legal Aid - 1986-91

Board of Directors-National Legal Aid & Defenders Assn-1988

Board of Directors-Central American Resource Center-1985-91

Board of Directors-Mexican American Bar Assn of Chicago-1978-79

Governor's Legislative Task Force on Workers Compensation for Farmworkers

PERSONAL PROFILES AND AWARDS

First Latina to serve on an Appellate Court in the history of Texas, appointed by Gov Ann Richards-1993

First Woman to serve on 13th Court of Appeals

Lifetime Achievement Award-State Bar of Texas- Women in the Law Section-2010

Lifetime Achievement Award-Hidalgo County Bar Assn (first woman to

receive the award)-2010

Appointed American Law Institute-2003

Mexican American Bar Asso Foundation-Service Award-2007

Extraordinary Woman Award-Women Together Foundation-2006

Judicial Pioneer Award-Hispanic Issues Section-State Bar of Texas
2006

Distinguished Judicial Career-Hispanic Women's Network of Texas
2001

Reynaldo Garza Lifetime Achievement Award-Hispanic Issues Section
State Bar of Texas-2001

Lifetime Achievement Award-Hispanic Bar Asso of Texas-1996

Houston Latino Lawyers and Law Students-Outstanding
Alumnus-1994

Lawyer of the Year-Mexican American Bar Asso of Texas-1990

Outstanding Lawyer -Mexican American Bar Asso of Trcas-1989

Woman of the Year-Brownsville Professional Women Asso-1988

PROFILES

National Law Journal
American Lawyer Magazine
Texas Lawyer Magazine
Texas Observer
Brownsville Herald
Mcallen Monittor
Corpus Christi Caller Times

NEWSPAPER ENDORSEMENTS

Corpus Christi Caller Times
Victoria Advocate
Houston Chronicle
Dallas Morning News
Ft Worth Star Telegram
San Antonio Express

El Paso Times
Austin American Statesman
Bryan College Station Eagle