

KAREN H. POZZA



BIOGRAPHY

Karen Pozza is a Retired Senior District Court Judge. Judge Pozza presided over the 407th District Court in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas for 20 years, from her election in 2000 until her judicial retirement in 2020.

In her 20 years on the bench Judge Pozza handled thousands of civil cases including contract litigation, personal injury, medical malpractice, premises liability, wrongful death, employment, real estate, property disputes, construction cases, business litigation, and family law issues of all kinds.

Judge Pozza also served a visiting Justice for three cases on the Tenth Court of Appeals by assignment from the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

Since her retirement from the bench , Judge Pozza spends time sitting by assignment as a visiting judge for the Fourth Administrative Judicial Region of Texas and conducting mediations.

Before election to the bench, Judge Pozza's practice included litigation as a defense attorney and a personal injury attorney and mediations.

EDUCATION

JD, St. Mary's University School of Law, 1991
BBA, Finance and Economics, Baylor University, 1986

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Judge Pozza is a frequent speaker at state and local legal education courses and is included in the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, achieving the highest possible rating by Martindale-Hubbell in both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards: AV Preeminent. She served on the Texas Pattern Jury Charges Committee for seven years. She is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and of the San Antonio Bar Foundation and is one of a handful of Judges nationwide holding the distinction of elected Fellow of the Advanced Science & Technology Adjudication Resource Center. She is admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States of America, the United States District Court, Western District and the State Bar of Texas.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

President, San Antonio Bar Association, 2003

Co-Founder, Community Justice Program, now San Antonio Legal Services Association,
2002 -Thousands of cases have been handled through this program and over \$1,000,000
worth of legal services have been donated by volunteer lawyers.

President, William S. Sessions American Inn of Court, 2018

President, St. Mary's University Law Alumni Association, 2016

Chair of the Board, Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center, 2005

President, St. Mary's University Hispanic Law Alumni Association, 2017

BOARD POSITIONS

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, 2006-13

Child Guidance Center, 2002-05

San Antonio Children's Museum, 2003-07

Advisory Board, Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation, 2013-15

Bexar County Juvenile Board, 2001-20

San Antonio Symphony, 2019-Present

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Goldstein Award of Excellence, William S. Sessions American Inn of Court, 2020

Bexar County Pioneer Award, Presented by the Bexar County Commissioner's Court, 2017

San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, Inducted 2016

San Antonio Legal Professional Award, Mexican American Bar Association, 2016

Distinguished Judicial Alumnus of St. Mary's University School of Law, 2013

Jurist of the Year, St. Mary's University School of Law Hispanic Law Alumni Association, 2014

A Resolution Honoring Judge Karen Pozza, Recognizing her Distinguished Service on the Bench
and her Leadership in Providing Access to Justice for All Texans, State Bar of Texas, 2008

Pioneer Peacemaker Award, San Antonio Bar Foundation, 2007

Partners in Justice Award, for Outstanding Support for Equal Justice, Texas RioGrande
Legal Aid, 2004

Women's Public Service Leadership Award, San Antonio Business Journal, 2003

Scales of Justice Award, National Association of Legal Secretaries, 2004

President's Award, for Spearheading Legal Relief Efforts for Local Evacuees of Hurricane Katrina,
San Antonio Bar Association, 2005

President's Award, for Pro Bono Leadership, San Antonio Bar Association, 2003

President's Award, for Bar-Related Education, San Antonio Bar Association, 1998