

# BIANCA D. MARTINEZ

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Texas, November 2013

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

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## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Obtained summary judgments on behalf of a hotel operator in Hidalgo County, and of those appealed were upheld through co-defendant's motion to reconsider, appeal in the 13<sup>th</sup> District of Texas, and before the Texas Supreme Court.
    - Two take-nothing summary judgments as to personal injury claims
    - Take-nothing summary judgment as to breach of warranty claims
    - Take-nothing summary judgment as to cross-plaintiff's claim for contribution and contractual indemnity against national manufacturer/seller/lessor of portable storage company.
  - Obtained a take-nothing summary judgment in a personal injury lawsuit in Nueces County on behalf of a hotel and hospitality company in Nueces County.
  - Obtained a take-nothing summary judgment in a personal injury lawsuit in Hidalgo County on behalf of national retail company in Nueces County.
  - Obtained a take-nothing summary judgment in a premises liability lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas—Houston Division on behalf of a national retailer.
  - Obtained a take-nothing summary judgment on behalf of architectural and structural metals manufacturer in Dallas County.
  - Obtained a take-nothing summary judgment on behalf of a national real estate/shopping center investment trust in Cameron County.
  - Obtained a partial summary judgment on behalf of a hotel and hospitality company in Nueces County.
  - Obtained a take-nothing summary judgment on behalf of a hotel company in Nueces County.
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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Brothers Alvarado, P.C.**, Houston, Texas

*Senior Attorney*, September 2015 – February 2019; October 2019 - Present

- Handle all facets of litigation in personal injury, business tort, and DTPA claims in Texas state and federal courts
- Defend commercial clients including trucking and transportation, national retail stores, hospitality, various oil and gas production companies, manufacturers, international paper and recycling, etc.
- Litigate premises injuries, breach of contract claims, defense and indemnity claims, general contractors and subcontractors, master service agreements, as well as issues involving OSHA investigations and oversight, relating to oil and gas usage of caliche roads brought by a county, etc.
- Communicate and coordinate defense strategy with clients, attorneys and managers for clients, and claim representatives
- Attend judicial proceedings on various matters and motions including motions to compel, protective orders, dispositive motions including summary judgment motions, and successfully defend summary judgment on appeal
- Take and defend depositions, including witness preparation for lay and expert witnesses, clients, claimants, corporate representatives, and others as necessary
- Conduct legal analysis and draft case reports, pleadings, motions, summary judgments, and written discovery
- Evaluate the settlement potential of claims and attend mediations
- Participate in complex litigation with a heavy emphasis on travel and out of town work

**Law Office of Domingo Garcia, L.L.P.**, Houston, Texas

*Attorney*, July 2014 – 2015

- Responsible for a docket of over 100 personal injury cases
- Worked with clients and medical providers regarding services, treatments, expenses, and reductions
- Negotiated with insurance adjusters regarding liability and settlement agreements
- Drafted letters of representation, letters of protection, and demand packages including *Stowers* demands
- Attended mediations as well as translated various legal and non-legal documents as needed

**Thomas J. Henry Injury Attorneys, Corpus Christi, Texas**

*Associate Attorney*, February 2014 to June 2014

- Drafted and filed pleadings, trial materials, motions, and discovery for a personal injury docket
- Attended depositions, hearings, and mediations, as well as assist with pretrial and trial matters
- Prepared and summarized materials for use during hearings, depositions, and mediations
- Researched current and emerging law in civil litigation and drafted related memoranda
- Filed the first lawsuit against GM for ignition switch failure in the state of Texas

**Law Offices of Greg Gladden, Houston, Texas**

*Associate Attorney*, November 2013 – February 2014

*Law Clerk*, December 2011 – October 2013

- Assisted with and attended hearings and case preparation meetings in criminal and civil matters
- Drafted pretrial and post judgment motions, as well as communicated with clients and opposing counsel
- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda related to criminal and civil law statutes

**South Texas College of Law- Immigration Clinic, Houston, Texas**

*Student Attorney*, 2012

- Performed legal research related to human trafficking, including the Alien Tort Claims Act and Bivens violations
- Completed T-Visa Applications for trafficking victims and motions for summary judgment against corporations

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**EDUCATION**

**South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, *Doctor of Jurisprudence*, May 2013**

**Certificates:** Certificate of completion for the basic 40-hour mediator training

**Honors:** Hispanic Bar Association of Houston Scholarship, Spring 2011 and Spring 2012  
Sam & Ruth Gross Scholarship, 2011-2013; Hispanic Law School Student Association Scholarship

**Activities:** Student Bar Association; Alternative Dispute Resolution Advocates;  
South Texas University of Texas Exes; Hispanic Law Student Association

**The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, December 2008,**

*Bachelor of Arts in Government; Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies*

**Certificates:** McCombs Texas Business Foundations Certificate

**Honors:** University Honors; Haliburton Business Foundations Scholarship; Joe R. and Teresa Lonzano Long Undergraduate Academic Scholarship

**Activities:** Pi Sigma Alpha-National Political Science Honors Society; Haliburton Business Foundations Program

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Houston Hispanic Bar Association

HNBA Latina Leadership Academy

Junior League of Houston, Inc.: Including Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee and Community Impact Researcher

Mexican American Bar Association of Houston

Houston Bar Association

Houston Young Lawyer's Association

Houston Area Women's Center

Museum of Fine Arts Houston

K.I.N.D. – Kids in Need of Defense

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**FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS**

**Fluent:** Spanish (written and oral)