

# Richard Pena

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## **WORK HISTORY:**

### Private Practice:

Law Offices of Richard Pena, P.C., 1976 to present

### Main Office:

Austin, Texas

### Branch Offices:

McAllen, Texas.

### Law Licenses:

Texas, Colorado, and Illinois

United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit

*The Law offices of Richard Pena, P.C. concentrates on representing individuals in on-the-job and other injuries.*

## **EDUCATION:**

University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1976

Order of the Coif (honorary), 1999

University of Texas, Bachelor of Arts, (B.A.) 1970

## **MILITARY SERVICE:**

### United States Army

Operating Room Specialist, Vietnam

Honorable Discharge, 1973

## **PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:**

### **A. American Bar Association:**

Board of Governors 2007 - 2010

State Delegate, 2002-2007

House of Delegates, 1998-

Select Committee of ABA, 2010-2011

Credentials and Admissions Committee, 2000-2004

Vice Chair 2002 - 2004

Nominating Committee, 2002-2007, 2010-

Executive Committee,

Conference of State Delegates, 200

Steering Committee, Vice Chair, 2004, 05, 06

American Bar Foundation

President, 2008

Vice-President, 2006

Board of Directors, 2000-

Fellows, Secretary, 2003, Chair – Elect 2004,

Chair 2005

### Presidential Appointments Advisory

Committee 2005, 2008, 2010

Chair, 2009

ABA Task Force on Hurricane Katrina, 2005-2006

National Conference of Bar Presidents (NCBP),

Executive Council, 2000-2003

2010 Recipient of Difference Makers Award, by the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

Commission on Immigration

Chair, 2004, 2005, 2006

Advisory Committee on Immigration

Pro-Bono, 1999-2002

Commission on Immigration Policy,

Practice, and Pro-Bono, 2002-2004

Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund

Selection Committee, 2001-2003

Colloquium on Diversity Invitee, 1999

Tort and Insurance Section, 1999

## **B. State Bar of Texas:**

### 1. Offices:

#### **President, 1998-1999**

Director (District 9), 1991-1994

#### **Texas Bar Foundation,**

#### **Chairman, 1996-1997;**

Vice-Chairman, 1995-1996

Secretary / Treasurer, 1994-1995;

Trustee 1994-1996

#### **James Watson Inn,**

**Chairman,** 1997-1998;

Vice-Chairman, 1995-1996;

Secretary, 1995

Council Member, 1994-1997

### 2. Board of Directors' Committees:

Chairman, Policy Manual, 1993

Executive Committee, 1992-1994

Chairman, Professional Developmental

Program (PDP), 1992

Chairman, Minority Representation, 1991

Chairman, Goals & Implementation,

Women & Minorities Sub-Committee, 1991

### 3. State Bar Committees:

Hurricane Katrina Task Force, 2005

Referral Fee Task Force, 2004

Advertising Review Committee, 1995

Co-Chairman, Referendum 1994

Pattern Jury Charges, Vol. 2, Committee,

1994

Co-Chairman, Annual Meeting, 1993-1994

Chairman, Nominating Committee,

Minorities Directors, 1991

ABA Nominating Committee, 1996, 1990

Opportunities for Minorities in the

Profession, 1990

Federal Judiciary Appointments Committee,

1984

### 4. Memberships:

Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar

Foundation

#### College of the State Bar

Pro-Bono College

Texas Center for Legal Ethics & Professionalism

Austin Bar Association

American Bar Foundation

Austin Bar Foundation

Travis County Bar Foundation

## **C. Recognitions:**

Richard Pena is rated "av" by the Martindale-Hubbel Law Directory, indicating a "Very High to Preeminent" Reputation for legal ability and a "Very High" General Recommendation.

Presidential Citation, State Bar of Texas 1991,

2000, 2004

Legal Services Award, MALDEF, 2001

Outstanding Hispanic Lawyer- Austin

Mexican American Bar Assn of Texas, 1989  
LULAC Council No. 85, Austin Honorary Member,  
1998

### **PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION (cont'd):**

#### **D. Texas Bar Foundation:**

Chair, 1996-1997  
Board of Trustees, 1993-1997

#### **E. Travis County Bar Association:**

Offices:

##### **President, 1990-1991**

President-Elect, 1989-1990  
Membership Committee, 1989-1990  
Secretary, 1988-1989  
Chairman, Law Day Banquet Comm., 1988-1989  
Judicial Screening Committee, 1988-1989  
Chairman, Judicial Screening Committee, 1987  
Chairman, Insurance Committee, 1987-1990  
Board of Directors, 1986-1988  
Lawyer Referral Service  
Board of Trustees, 1983-1984  
Travis County Bar Foundation, 2004-

#### **F. Professional Activities:**

American Inns of Court, Master, 1998  
Capital Area Trial Lawyers Executive Committee  
President, Capital Area Mexican-American  
Lawyers Association, 1984-

#### **G. Board of Directors:**

Legal Aid Society of Central Texas, 1984-87  
Capital Area Mexican-American  
Lawyers Association, 1984

#### **H. Continuing Legal Education Speaker:**

Advanced Workers' Compensation Course,  
Course Director, 2005, 2006  
Panelist, 2009  
State Bar of Texas Ethics Presentation, 2006  
Texas Orthopedic Association, Workers'  
Compensation Legislative Changes, 2005  
Car Crash Seminar, State Bar of Texas, Ethics,  
"The New Referral Fee Landscape in Texas."  
State Bar College "Summer School," Workers'  
Compensation Changes, 2005  
Workers' Compensation Law, G&G  
Publishing, 2004, (2 Locations)  
Poverty Law Conference, Workers' Compensation,  
State Bar of Texas, 2004  
Dispute Resolution Training Seminar, Texas  
Workers' Compensation Commission Hearing  
Division, 2002  
Unauthorized Practice of Law, Annual Meeting,  
State Bar of Texas, Hispanic Issues Section, 2002  
Legal Update Conference,  
Texas Legal Services Center, 1996  
Sixteenth Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course,  
State Bar of Texas, 1993  
Eight Annual Advanced Personal Injury Trial Law,  
State Bar of Texas, 1992  
Legislative Update Seminar,

Travis County Bar Association, 1991  
Litigation, Practice Skills  
State Bar of Texas, 1990  
Advanced Evidence & Discovery Course,  
State Bar of Texas, 1989

#### **Numerous Presentations to lawyers, doctors, & law students with emphasis on Workers' Compensation Law**

### **HONORS:**

People to People Ambassador Program: Eisenhower  
Achievement Award, 2006  
Life Member of Kingston National Register of Who's  
Who, 2002, numerous editions  
Who's Who in the South & Southwest,  
Marquis Publications, 1997, numerous  
editions  
Who's Who in Finance & Industry  
Marquis Publications, 1995, numerous  
editions  
Who's Who in America  
Marquis Publications, 2004  
Who's Who in Society,  
American Publications, 1986, numerous  
editions  
Leadership Austin, Austin Chamber of Commerce,  
1985-1986  
Outstanding Young Men Of America, 1982  
Austin Jaycees  
Who's Who in American Law,  
Marquis Publications, numerous editions  
Who's Who in Emerging Leaders in America,  
Marquis Publications, numerous editions  
Who's Who in the World,  
Marquis Publications, numerous editions  
International Directory of Distinguished Leadership,  
American Biographical Institute, Second Ed.

### **CIVIC & OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

Board of Directors:

Boys' Club of Austin & Travis County,  
1987-1988  
Austin Association for Retarded Citizens,  
1987-1988  
Center for Batter Women, 1972-1982

Chairman:

Homeless Planning & Implementation Council,  
City of Austin, 1996-1997  
Austin Association for Retarded Citizens,  
Private Facilities Monitoring Comm., 1981  
Austin-Travis County MHMR, Public  
Responsibility Committee, 1972-1982

### **INSTRUTOR:**

Business Law, St. Edward's University, Austin,  
Texas 1983  
Business Law, Austin Community College, Austin,  
Texas 1981-1982

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

People to People Ambassador Program:

Led Delegations of Texas and U.S. Lawyers  
to: South Africa, China, Tibet, Cuba, and  
Vietnam, India, Egypt, 2000-

Chair, Texas Lawyers Committee for Kerry-Edwards,  
2004

Expert Witness in Workers' Compensation Related  
Law Suits

Chair, Texas Lawyer Committee for John Kerry for  
President, 2004

Real Estate Broker, Texas, 1980-Present

Certified Contract Advisor, National Football League  
Players Assn., 1984-1986

Sports Editor, *Austin Light* Newspaper, 1982

President:

Third Coast Sports & Entertainment  
Management Agency, 1986