

## RICHARD PENA

**Richard Pena** is founder and CEO of the Law Offices of Richard Pena. He was elected by his peers to serve as the President of the **State Bar of Texas** (1998-1999). He has also served as President of the **American Bar Foundation** (2009-2011) and as chair of the Fellows of the **American Bar Foundation**. He has served on the Board of Governors of the **American Bar Association** (2007-2010) and has been the State Delegate to the **ABA** from Texas. He has also been past President of the **Travis County Bar Association**, former Chair of the **Texas Bar Foundation**, a Director to the **State Bar of Texas**, and has been selected a member of the prestigious **American Inns of Court**. Richard has received three Presidential Citations from the **State Bar of Texas** for his meritorious service to the profession, has received the Distinguished Lawyer Award presented by the **Austin Bar Association** (2007), and was the recipient of the 2010 Difference Makers Award presented by the **ABA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division**.

Richard graduated with Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from the University of Texas, where the law school faculty awarded him an honorary membership in the Order of the Coif. Listed in numerous Who's Who publications, including Who's Who in American Law, he is licensed to practice law in Texas, Colorado, and Illinois. Richard has lectured frequently on Workers' Compensation and was co-course Director of the State Bar of Texas' first Advanced Workers' Compensation Course in 2005. He is a Vietnam veteran and left on the last day of American military involvement in that country in March 1973. He is co-author of the book, *Last Plane Out of Saigon*.

Richard Pena is rated "AV" by the **Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory**, indicating a "very high to preeminent" reputation for legal ability and a "very high" general recommendation.

Richard is a national leader in the legal field and is active in the **American Bar Association (ABA)** where he has held numerous leadership positions including Chair of the **ABA's Commission on Immigration** (2004-2006), Chair of the **Presidential Appointments Advisory Committee** (2009), and was on the Executive Council of the **National Conference of Bar Presidents** (2000-2003).

Richard has been Chair of the Leader Advisory Board for **People to People Ambassador Program** and has led delegations of Texas and U.S. lawyers to numerous countries where they interact with leading lawyers, judges, professors, and political leaders of the countries they visit. The countries Richard and his delegations have visited include: **South Africa, China, Tibet, Cuba, Vietnam, Cambodia, Egypt, Israel, and Brazil**. He was also Chair of a **U.S. – Russian Joint Conference** on the Rule of Law in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 2006 he received the Eisenhower Achievement Award from **People To People Ambassador Program**.

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