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Work History

1976-Present

President & CEO, Law Offices of Richard Pena, P.C., Austin, TX

The Law Offices of Richard Pena, P.C. concentrates on representing individuals in personal injury, workers' compensation, and on-the-job injuries.

Education

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), 1970

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.), 1976

Military Service

United States Army

Operating Room Specialist, Vietnam

Honorable Discharge, 1973

Law Licenses

Texas, Colorado, Illinois

United States Court of Appeals - 5th Circuit

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

I. American Bar Association

Board of Governors 2007 - 2010

State Delegate 2002-2007

House of Delegates 1998-2013

Select Committee of ABA 2010-2013

Credentials and Admissions Committee 2000-2004

Vice Chair 2002-2004

Conference of State Delegates 2002

Nominating Committee 2000-2007, 2010-2013

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Vice Chair 2004-2006

American Bar Foundation

President 2008

Vice-President 2006

Board of Directors 2000-2012

Fellows, Secretary 2003

Chair-Elect 2004

Chair 2005

Presidential Appointments Advisory

Committee 2005, 2008, 2010

Chair 2009

Commission on Immigration

Chair 2004, 05, 06

Presidential Pricing Strategy Committee 2013

ABA Task Force on Hurricane Katrina 2005-2006

National Conference of Bar Presidents (NCBP)

Executive Council 2000-2003

Commission on Immigration

Chair 2004, 05, 06

Advisory Committee on Immigration

Pro-Bono 1999-2002

Commission on Immigration Policy

Practice & Pro-Bono 1999-2002

Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund

Selection Committee 2001-2003

Colloquium on Diversity Invitee 1999

Tort & Insurance Section 1999

GPSolo Division

Pro-Bono & Public Service Committee '13

Liaison for Enterprise Fund Grant 2013

Latin America & Caribbean Committee 2011-2014

Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights & Responsibilities

2014-2019

Chair 2017-2019

Diversity and Inclusion Center 2017-2019

II. State Bar of Texas

President 1998-1999

Director: District 9 1991-1994

Texas Bar Foundation

Chairman 1996-1997

Vice-Chairman 1995-1996

Secretary 1994-1995

Treasurer 1994-1995

Trustee 1994-1996

James Watson Inn.

Chairman 1997-1998

Vice-Chairman 1995-1996

Secretary 1995

Council Member 1994-1997

Board of Directors' Committees

Chairman, Policy manual 1993

Executive Committee 1992-1994

Chairman PDP 1992

Chairman, Minority Rep. 1991

Chairman, Goals & Implementation,

Women & Minorities Sub Committee '91

State Bar Committee

Hurricane Katrina Task Force 2005

Referral Fee Task Force 2004

Advertising Review Committee 1995

Co-Chairman, Referendum 1994

Pattern Jury Charges, Vol.2, Committee '94

Co-Chairman, Annual Meeting 1993-1994

Chairman, Nominating Committee, Minorities

Director, 1991

ABA Nominating Committee 1996, 1990

Opportunities for Minorities in the Prof. 1990

Federal Judiciary Appointments Comm. 1984

The College of the State Bar of TX 2012-2013

Special Committee to Nominate ABA Del. 2012

Membership

Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

College of the State Bar

Pro-Bono-College

Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism

Austin Bar Association

American Bar Foundation

Austin Bar Foundation

Travis County Bar Foundation

III. Professional Information (cont'd)

Travis County Bar Association

President 1990-1991
President-Elect 1989-1990
Membership Committee 1989-1990
Secretary 1988-1989
Law Day Banquet Committee
Chairman 1988-1999
Judicial Screening Committee
Chairman 1987
Insurance Committee
Chairman 1987-1990
Board of Directors 1986-1988
Lawyer Referral Service
Board of Trustees 1983-1984
Travis Co. Bar Foundation 2004-2005

Professional Activities

American Inns of Court, Master 1998
Capital Area Trial Lawyers Exec. Comm.
President, Capital Area Mexican-American
Lawyers Association 1984

Continuing Legal Education Speaker

Advanced Workers' Compensation Course SBOT
Course Director 2005,2006
Panelist 2009
Speaker, 9th Annual Advanced Workers'
Compensation Law Course
State Bar of Texas 2012
State Bar of Texas Ethics Presentation 2006

Texas Orthopedic Association, Workers' Comp.
Legislative Changes 2005
Car Crash Seminar, State Bar of Texas, Ethics,
"The New Referral Fee Landscape in TX"
State Bar College "Summer School" Workers' Comp
Changes 2005
Workers' Compensation Law,
G&G Publishing
2004 (2 loc.)
Poverty Law Conference, Workers' Comp. SBOT '04
Dispute Resolution Training Seminar, Texas
Workers' Compensation Commission Hearing
Division 2002
Unauthorized Practice of Law, Annual Meeting, SBOT
Hispanic Issues Section 2002
Legal Update Conference
Texas Legal Services Center 1996
16th Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course SBOT 1993
8th Annual Advanced Personal Injury Trial Law
State Bar of Texas 1992
Legislative Update Seminar, Travis Co. Bar Assn. 1991
Texas Bar CLE, A South Texas Litigation Course,
Workers' Comp., Fact or Fiction 2012
Litigation, Practice Skills
State Bar of Texas 1990
Advanced Evidence & Discovery Course
State Bar of Texas 1989

IV. Recognitions Include

Rated "AV" by the Martindale-Hubbel Law
Directory, indicating a "Very High to Preeminent"
Reputation for legal ability and a "Very High"
General Recommendation
Recipient of Difference Makers Award, by the General
Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division 2010
Presidential Citation, State Bar of Texas 1991,2000,2004

Trailblazer Recognition, State Bar of Texas 2014
Legal Services Award, MALDEF, 2001
Outstanding Hispanic Lawyer-Austin
Mexican American Bar Assn. of TX 1989
LULAC Council No. 85, Austin Honorary Member '1998
Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award 2017
Joseph C. Parker Jr. Diversity Award 2018

V. Published Articles Include

Texas Bar Blog "Former State Bar President Returns
From Turkey" Nov. 17, 2013
Numerous CLE Papers

GPSolo American Bar Association "Giving
Back" Lawyers Under Attack in Turkey
Jan/Feb 2014

VI. Civic & Other Duties

Board of Directors
Boys Club of Austin & Travis Co. 1997-1998
Austin Association for Retarded Citizens 1987-1988
Center for Battered 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 Co. MHMR, Public Responsibility
Committee 1972-1982

VII. Instructor

St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas
Business Law 1983

Austin Community College, Austin, Texas
Business Law 1981-1982

VIII. Miscellaneous

People to People Ambassadors Program
Led delegations of Texas and U.S. Lawyers to 18 Countries
2000-2014
Texas Lawyers Committee for Kerry-Edwards
Chair 2004
Expert Witness in Workers' Comp. Related Law Suits
Texas Lawyers Committee for John Kerry for President 2004

Real Estate Broker, Texas 1980-Present
National Football League Players Assn.
Certified Contract Advisor 1984-1986
Austin Light Newspaper, Sports Editor 1982
President Third Coast Sports & Entertainment Management
Agency 1986