

#### Practice Areas

- Labor & Employment Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

#### Education

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2003 - Associate Editor, Texas Hispanic Journal of Law & Policy, President of the Chicano/Hispanic Law Student Association, Member of the University of Texas School of Law Admissions Committee
- Institute of International and Comparative Law – Florence, Italy, 2001
- Texas A&M University, B.S. Political Science, with Honors, Minor in English, magna cum laude, University Honors, 2000, University Fellow, Dean's List, Eisenhower Leadership Development

#### Honors

- Listed, Best Lawyers in America, 2022-2024
- Texas Super Lawyers list by Super Lawyers®, a Thomson Reuters business, in 2013-2023

## Diana Pérez Gomez

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Diana Gomez is a talented trial attorney with extensive experience in civil lawsuits in state and federal courts. She focuses on complex labor and employment disputes by providing a full range of employment law services to her clients from pre-termination counseling, investigations, EEO training, handbook review, drafting of policies and employment agreements, non-competes, defense in administrative proceedings (EEOC charges, unemployment hearings) and arbitrations as well as all aspects of trial from pre-suit through appeal. Diana has successfully defended all types of employment law matters in state and federal court including claims involving non-competes, discrimination, retaliation, FLSA, and ERISA.

In addition to being the National Co-Chair for the Labor & Employment practice, Diana serves as the National Chair for the firm's Pro Bono Committee. She also serves on the firm's Board of Directors.

Diana is honored to be the President of the Houston Bar Association, which was established in 1870 and is one of the largest volunteer bars in the country with over 10,000 members. Diana is the first Latina president of the 153 year old organization.

Diana was featured in the Texas Lawyer after being recognized as one of "Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2020-2021" for her legal expertise, knowledge, credibility, and trustworthiness. She was also a featured conversationalist during the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Table Talk Luncheon hosted by the University of Houston. Diana was also included in the 2022 Houston Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business as an Outstanding Leader in Law. Most recently Diana was selected by D-Mars Business Journal for the award of 2023 Top 30 Influential Women of Houston.

Diana serves on the Board of Directors for the Houston Zoo Development Corporation and the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston. Diana is also a co-chair for District Four of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Diana has been named by U.S. News as one of the "Best Lawyers in America 2022" and has been named to the Texas Super Lawyers List consecutively every year since

- "Top Lawyer" by Houstonia Magazine, 2017-2022
- Houston's 50 Most Influential Women, 2020-2021
- Texas Super Lawyers list for Top Women Attorneys in Texas, 2020
- President's Award, Houston Bar Association - Houston, Texas, 2016, 2019
- Latina "Lawyer Under 40" Award, Mexican American Bar Association of Texas Foundation 2012
- Texas Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers®, a Thomson Reuters business, as featured in Texas Monthly and Texas Rising Stars magazines, 2009, 2011-2013
- President's Award, Hispanic Bar Association of Houston – Houston, Texas, 2007, 2009, 2015
- Local Heroes Recognition, The Houston Lawyer Magazine, May/June 2009
- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- Houston Bar Foundation Fellow
- Texas Bar Foundation Fellow

## **Diana Pérez Gomez, *Continued***

2013. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston Award, the President's Award by both the HBA and the Houston Hispanic Bar Association, and the Latina Lawyer under "40" Award by the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas Foundation.

Diana was also recognized as a Local Hero by the Houston Lawyer for her work as a Presidential Appointee in the U.S. Department of Education serving as Deputy Director for the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans and then as Chief of Staff for the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development in 2008 and 2009.

Diana is happily married to Judge Michael Gomez of the 129th Civil District Court for Harris County and they are proud parents of their children.

### **Professional Affiliations**

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- President: Houston Bar Association (HBA), 2023-2024
- Board of Directors: Hispanic Bar Association of Houston (HisBA), 2006-2023
- Co-Chair: District Four, Texas Bar Foundation, 2016-2022
- Board of Directors: Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston (MABAH), 2013, 2016
- Chair: Houston Bar Association's Law and the Media Committee, 2020-2021; Houston Bar Association's Harris County Law Library, 2021-2022; Houston Bar Association's Judicial Polls, 2022-2023
- Past President: Houston Bar Association Houston Lawyer Referral Service, 2020-2021
- Committee Member: Southern District of Texas/Galveston Bench Bar Conference, 2017, 2019
- Texas Bar College, 2019-2021

### **Community/Civic Activities**

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- Board of Directors: Houston Zoo Development Corporation, 2018-2022
- Committee Member: City of Houston Mayor's Transition Team - Education Committee, 2016
- Vice Chair: City of Houston Municipal Civil Service Commission, 2015-2016
- Vice Chair: City of Houston Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Civil Service Commission, 2015-2016
- Commissioner: Harris County Sheriff's Civil Service Commission, 2013-2015

- Woodrow B. Seals  
Outstanding Young Lawyer  
of Houston Award, Houston  
Young Lawyers  
Association, 2008

#### **Bar Admissions**

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- Texas

#### **Court Admissions**

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- Texas Courts
- United States Court of  
Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States District  
Court, Northern, Southern,  
Eastern and Western  
Districts of Texas

#### **Clerkships**

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- Law Clerk, Travis County,  
County Attorney's Office,  
Austin, Texas, Spring 2003
- Summer Law Clerk, United  
States District Court for the  
Southern District of Texas,  
McAllen, Texas, Summer  
2002
- Intern, Travis County  
District Attorney's Office,  
Austin, Texas, Spring 2002
- Law Clerk, Guajardo and  
Guajardo Law Firm, Austin,  
Texas, Spring 2002

## **Diana Pérez Gomez, *Continued***

- Junior League of Houston, 2009-2021
- St. Patrick's Church, Pastoral Council Member, 2007-2015

#### **Publications**

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- Houston Lawyer (May/June 2022), "Law in the Family: The Gomez Family."
- Houston Lawyer (September/October 2019), "Texas Non-Competes: What is Reasonable?"
- Houston Lawyer (March/April 2009), "A Profile in Professionalism."
- For the Defense, Covered Events, Insurance Law – Houston, Texas (September 28, 2006) Published in 2006 by Defense Research Institute: Texas Supreme Court Declares Mold Not Covered Under Homeowner Policies.
- Nursing Home Malpractice in Texas Seminar – Houston, Texas (Spring 2005) Published in 2005 by National Business Institute: Nursing Home Litigation after Tort Reform.

#### **Speaking Engagements**

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- University of Texas School of Law 16th Annual Labor and Employment Law Conference CLE Program – Austin, Texas (May 28, 2009) – Defense Strategies for Employment Law Trials.
- University of California, Santa Cruz – Salinas, California (Spring 2008) Keynote Speaker, Center for Biomolecular Science and Engineering Education Forum: Building Student Achievement in Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (May 21, 2008).
- South Texas College of Law – Houston, Texas (Spring 2008) Speaker, Personal Injury Law Conference: Coverage and Stowers in the 21st Century (April 10, 2008).
- Houston Bar Association – Houston, Texas (Fall 2007) Speaker, Continuing Legal Education Seminar Series: Discovering the Right Approach: Discovery Disputes in Texas Insurance Litigation (Oct. 11, 2007).
- Houston Bar Association – Houston, Texas (Fall 2006) Speaker, All Day Ethics Program: Ethical Considerations for Insurance Litigation in Texas (Nov. 4, 2006).

#### **Employment**

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- Shareholder, Chamberlain Hrdlicka, Houston, Texas, February 2018 - present
- Partner, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, January 2010 – February 2018

**Diana Pérez Gomez,** *Continued*

- Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Education Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Washington, D.C., June 2008 - January 2009
- Deputy Director, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Washington, D.C., April 2008 – June 2008
- Associate, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, July 2006 – April 2008, January 2009 - December 2009
- Preston Law Firm, L.L.P. (f/k/a Preston & Cowan), Houston, Texas, September 2003 – July 2006

