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Court of Appeals State of Texas Fourth Judicial District

EDUCATION

- St. Mary's University, B.A.
- St. Mary's University School of Law, J.D.

LICENSED AND ADMITTED

- State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

WORK HISTORY

- Fourth Court of Appeals; 2013-present; Justice
- Chapa Law Group, P.C.; San Antonio; 2010-2012; Attorney
- Chapa & Nevarez, P.C.; San Antonio; 2005-2010; Attorney
- Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer & Kern, L.L.P.; Corpus Christi; 2002-2005; Attorney
- Barger, Hermansen, McKibben & Villarreal, L.L.P.; Corpus Christi; 2001-2002; Attorney
- Oaxaca, Bernal & Associates; El Paso; 2000-2001; Attorney
- Lyons & Rhodes, P.C.; San Antonio; 1998-1999; Law Clerk
- Law Offices of Frank Herrera, Jr.; San Antonio; 1997-1998; Law Clerk
- Chief Justice (Ret.) Alma L. López, Fourth Court of Appeals; San Antonio; 1997; Intern
- The Center for Legal and Social Justice; San Antonio; 1997; Law Clerk
- Congressman Frank Tejeda; Washington, D.C.; 1995-1996; Legislative Correspondent
- Congressman Lloyd Doggett; Washington, D.C.; 1995, Intern
- Cauthorn, Hale, Hornberger, Sheehan, Fuller & Becker; San Antonio; 1995; Intern

ORGANIZATIONS

- American Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- State Bar of Texas, Member
- Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow
- San Antonio Bar Association, Member

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- American Inns of Court, Member
- St. Mary's University Alumni Association, Member
- St. Mary's University School of Law Alumni Association, Member
- Bexar County Women's Bar Association, Member
- Mexican American Bar Association-San Antonio, Member
- San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, Member
- IMPACT SA, Former Member
- National Charity League-Alamo Chapter, Member
- San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
- League of Women Voters-San Antonio, Former Member
- Bexar County Democratic Women, Member
- San Antonio Zoo, Member
- Witte Museum, Member
- Southwest School of Art, Former Member
- El Paso Bar Association, Former Member
- El Paso Young Lawyers Association, Former Member
- Mexican American Bar Association-El Paso, Former Member
- Texas Women Lawyers, Former Member, Board of Directors & Treasurer
- Corpus Christi Bar Association, Former Member
- Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association, Former Member
- Coastal Bend Women Lawyers Association, Former Member

AWARDS, BOARD SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- State Bar of Texas-Hispanic Issues Section, Judge of the Year Award, 2018
- Mexican American Bar Association-San Antonio, Community Leadership Award, 2015
- San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, 2014 Inductee
- American Bar Association, Judicial Division, Appellate Judges Conference (Board Director and Diversity Chair), Appellate Judges Education Institute (Board Director & Education Committee); ABA Judicial Division Standing Committee on Judicial Diversity, Member (2019-present)
- Clarity Child Guidance Center, Board Member (2014-present)
- 1in5Minds for Clarity Child Guidance Center, Official Advocate (2013-present)
- Guardian House, Board Chairman (2016-2018); Board Vice President (2013-2015)
- Healy Murphy Center, Board Vice President and Mentor (2012-2018)
- St. Mary's University Law Alumni Association, Board Member (2013-2018), Treasurer (2017-2018)
- The Children's Ballet of San Antonio, Board Member (2015-2017)
- St. Anthony's de Padua Catholic Church, Parishioner
- Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Former Parishioner & Faith Formation Teacher (2013-2014)
- Saint Mary's Hall, Parents' Association Board (2009-2012), Family Connections Chair (2011- 2012), DEI Committee (2021), Volunteer (2008-present)

- San Antonio Academy, Strategic Planning Committee (2021-2023)
- Clarity Child Guidance Center, Gala Co-Chair (2019)
- The Guardian House Luncheon, Chair (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Southwest School of Art, Gala Committee Member, (2011, 2015, 2017)
- Rey Feo Scholarship Fund, Campaign for Walter Serna, Friends of the Court & Committee Member

PERSONAL

Justice Chapa was raised in El Paso, Texas. She formerly practiced in the area of civil litigation on both sides of the docket in counties across Texas, including Bexar County, Brooks County, Cameron County, Duval County, El Paso County, Hidalgo County, Jim Wells County, Kendall County, Matagorda County, Maverick County, Nueces County, Victoria County, Webb County, and Willacy County.

Justice Chapa is an avid mental health advocate in her community. She is the proud mother of three children, is fluent in Spanish, and spends the majority of her free time with her family.