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Valdez & Treviño Attorneys at Law, P.C.

Valdez & Treviño is a local minority owned San Antonio Law Firm that specializes in civil litigation defense. V&T, as Valdez & Treviño is more commonly known, was established by Robert E. Valdez and Jose “JJ” Treviño ten years ago to provide clients with needed and outstanding legal representation in the difficult and dangerous Central and South Texas venues. When V&T first opened its doors, it was a small boutique litigation defense firm with a few staff members and four dedicated attorneys. However, in ten short years, V&T has grown into a litigation powerhouse that is respected across Texas and into New Mexico and Louisiana. V&T is recognized for the diligence, client dedication, and legal ability its attorneys and staff demonstrate daily in the development and trial of cases. V&T is well-seasoned in handling cases that range in size and complexity from small property damage and personal injury claims to catastrophic and complex personal injury, property damage, commercial, product liability, and employment cases.

V&T’s attorneys have vast experience in defending its clients in both state and federal courts. Our clients include other transportation companies such as Greyhound, large national insurers, such as Allstate, which routinely deal with both first and third-party litigation arising out of auto accidents and claims for property damages, First Student which has relied on us to defend local school bus drivers and operators, and Dollar General which regularly relies on our expertise in helping them defend against dram shop, premises liability, and negligent activity claims. Together as a firm, we have tried numerous cases to resolution, and even received a favorable defense verdict in one of the first zoom trials held in Bexar County during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Vincen-Romero v. Fleet Services, et al., Cause No. 2018-CI-09884, in the 73rd District Cour of Bexar County, Texas. Five of our attorneys have first chair trial experience, some having tried well over 50 cases to verdict.

In addition, V&T offers in house appellate services. V&T’s appellate work has resulted in numerous wins for our clients on Petitions for Writ of Mandamus, and even successfully obtained a stay from the Texas Supreme Court in Gadola v. Suncoast A/C, Cause No. 2014-DCL-04267-A, in the 107th District Court of Cameron County, Texas, based on an erroneous decision of the trial court judge on the literal eve of trial to strike our client’s designation of a responsible third party. Due to this success with the Texas Supreme Court, our client was able to obtain a favorable settlement and avoid the risks associated with trial.



Representative Clients *

- Allied Universal Security Group
- Allstate
- American Claims Management
- American Contractors Insurance Group
- American International Group
- Amtrust
- Argo Group, US
- Aspen Dental Management, Inc.
- Aspen Specialty Insurance Management
- Bright Horizons Family Solutions
- Brundage-Bone Concrete Pumping
- Concrete Pump Holdings
- Covenant Transport Group
- Chevron
- Dollar General Corporation
- Eagle Applied Sciences, LLC
- First Group / Greyhound Lines, Inc.
- Hanover Insurance Group
- Heller Motors
- Hudson Insurance Group
- Hub International Brokers
- Infinity Insurance
- Ironshore Holdings, Inc.
- Kahlig Auto Group
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- MedMarc Insurance
- Mercedes Benz of Boerne
- Mercedes Benz of San Juan
- Monitor Liability Insurance Managers, LLC
- National Transportation Insurance Co.
- NBIS Construction & Transport Insurance Services
- Republic Group
- Sentry Insurance
- Starr Insurance Group
- Terex Corporation
- The Travelers
- United Fire Group
- United Services Automobile Association
- York Risk Service Group, Inc.
- Zurich Insurance Group

The firm also defends clients in the following areas:

- Malpractice matters
- Texas Medical Board
- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Board of Law Examiners
- Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
- Texas Workforce Commission, and
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

* Clients are named with permission



Geographic Areas of Practice

Centrally located in San Antonio, Valdez & Treviño has attorneys licensed in multiple states. We are ready and equipped to serve your legal needs in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and beyond. Our clients regularly depend on us to defend them on wide variety of causes of action in some of the toughest venues around.

With a diverse staff and bilingual capabilities, the firm has particular expertise representing clients along the infamous Texas-New Mexico border. Firm partners are admitted to practice in all state courts of Texas and New Mexico and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, First, and Fourth Circuits; as well as the United States Supreme Court.

Representative Areas

New Mexico

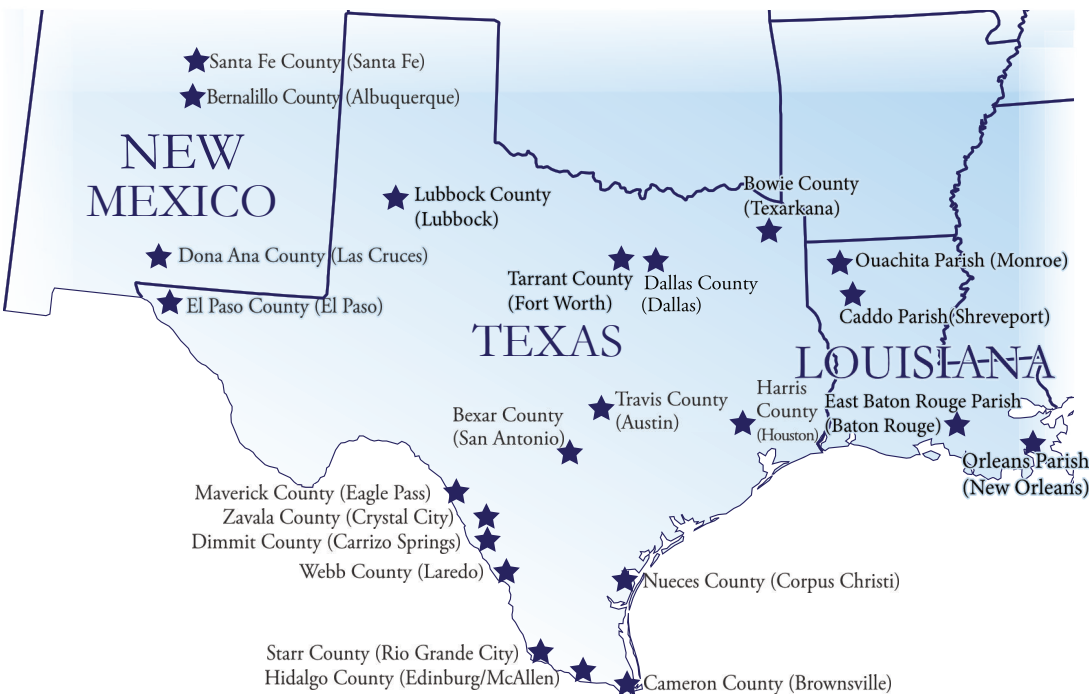
- Bernalillo County, Albuquerque
- Dona Ana County, Las Cruces
- Santa Fe County, Santa Fe

Texas

- Bexar County, San Antonio
- Brooks County, Falfurrias
- Cameron County, Brownsville
- Comal County, New Braunfels
- Dallas County, Dallas
- Dimmit County, Carrizo Springs
- Duval County, San Diego
- El Paso County, El Paso
- Harris County, Houston
- Hays County, San Marcos
- Hidalgo County, Edinburg
- Jim Wells County, Alice
- Karnes County, Karnes City
- Kenedy County, Sarita
- Kleberg County, Kingsville
- La Salle County, Cotulla
- Lubbock County, Lubbock
- Maverick County, Eagle Pass
- McMullen County, Tilden
- Nueces County, Corpus Christi
- Starr County, Rio Grande City
- Tarrant County, Fort Worth
- Travis County, Austin
- Uvalde County, Uvalde
- Val Verde County, Del Rio
- Webb County, Laredo
- Willacy County, Raymondville
- Zapata County, Zapata
- Zavala County, Crystal City

Louisiana

- Caddo Parish, Shreveport
- East Baton Rouge Parish, Baton Rouge
- Orleans Parish, New Orleans
- Ouachita Parish, Monroe



Practice Focus

With outstanding courtroom experience and diverse backgrounds, the attorneys at Valdez & Treviño are uniquely qualified to focus on the development and trial of catastrophic and complex personal injury, product liability, commercial, transportation and employment cases throughout Texas and New Mexico.

Specific areas of expertise include:

- Civil Litigation
- Product Liability
- Transportation Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- General Negligence
- Insurance Law
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Professional Malpractice
- Subrogation
- Arbitration
- Mediation

Practice Philosophy

Valdez & Treviño combines the personalized attention of a boutique firm with the resources and expertise of a large firm. Founding partner Robert Valdez is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Under his leadership, the firm provides a highly personalized level of service with hands-on engagement from all shareholders. Mr. Valdez has been designated as an AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating available for legal ability and professional ethics.

Dedicated to providing clients with outstanding legal services, the firm's bilingual capabilities and strong local rapport make it a natural leader in complex litigation throughout the Rio Grande Valley. From Brownsville, Texas to El Paso and across southern New Mexico, clients benefit from the firm's more than three decades of local experience, cutting-edge technological capabilities, and attention to detail.

Technological Support

Sophisticated technological aids are increasingly essential for courtroom evidence presentation, litigation support, investigations and case research. The firm's technological support group provides presentation, graphics, animation, videography and other sophisticated visual aid services for courtroom presentations. The firm also has access to a state-of-the-art research library on all issues relating to the firm's areas of expertise.

The firm's high-level technical expertise streamlines the communication process between clients and firm members, with Internet communication capabilities and other forms of electronic media. The firm's sophisticated accounting system provides its clients with detailed billing information complying with auditors' requirements for ABA billing codes and reporting.

Robert E. Valdez

Professional Experience & Affiliation

With over 40 years of experience in the practice of civil trial law, Mr. Valdez is consistently recognized by his peers, the legal profession, and the insurance industry as an outstanding and distinguished advocate.

He has extensive experience in the trial of personal injury, commercial, and insurance cases that include defending legal and medical malpractice, product liability, premises and construction liability, as well as commercial disputes and insurance coverage litigation.

Mr. Valdez is often called upon by members of the plaintiff's bar as well as the defense to serve as a mediator in complex and catastrophic cases. He has served as an expert witness in insurance coverage and professional liability cases in Texas and New Mexico. Mr. Valdez also speaks Spanish.

- Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Personal Injury Trial Law
- AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (highest rating available for legal ability and professional ethics)
- Texas Monthly Super Lawyer® in the areas of insurance law and civil defense, 2007 to present
- A.M. Best Recommended Insurance Attorney
- Former Director and Chair of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Former Director and Chair of the Texas Board of Law Examiners
- Director and Chair of Bexar County (San Antonio) Grievance Committee
- Special Counsel for the Texas Judicial Conduct Commission
- New Mexico Ethics Advisory Commission

Education

- St. Mary's University (B.A., 1976)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D., 1980)
- University of Texas at San Antonio (M.A., 2008)

Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Member, Phi Delta Phi legal honor fraternity
- National Order of Barristers
- Instructor, Legal Research and Writing, St. Mary's University of San Antonio, 1979-80

Court Admissions

- Texas, New Mexico
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court



Jose “JJ” Treviño, Jr.



Professional Experience & Affiliation

Mr. Treviño is a seasoned trial lawyer and co-founder of Valdez & Treviño, a distinguished minority-owned civil litigation defense firm operating throughout Texas. Born in McAllen, Texas and raised in Corpus Christi, JJ is comfortable in South Texas, enabling him to provide excellent and responsive representation to a diverse range of clients.

Since his admission to the Texas Bar, Mr. Treviño has focused his practice on cases involving personal injury, professional malpractice, and insurance law, and represents businesses and individuals in transportation, trucking, construction, premises liability, and automobile accidents.

Renowned for achieving favorable results, Mr. Treviño advocates for clients across Texas, and his dedication to exceptional legal representation has earned recognition by his peers in Texas Monthly Super Lawyers and Scene in San Antonio Magazine.

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, William S. Sessions American Inns of Court
- Member, San Antonio Bar Association
- Member, Insurance Section of State Bar of Texas
- Member, Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
- Texas Monthly Super Lawyers, Rising Star 2014
- “Best in San Antonio” Personal Injury Defense Attorney by *Scene in San Antonio Magazine* 2010-present
- Named a Rising Star by *San Antonio Scene Magazine* 2013-present

Education

- Texas A&M University, College Station (B.A., 2002)
- St. Mary’s University School of Law (J.D., 2005)

Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Fred Biery, United States District Court, Western District of Texas
- Law clerk, civil litigation firm analyzing litigation issues
- Member of Phi Delta Phi legal honor fraternity
- Research Assistant for Dean Vincent Johnson, tort law issues

Court Admissions

- Texas State Courts
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Western District of Texas

Jenna S. Ard

Professional Experience & Affiliation

Ms. Ard obtained her undergraduate degree from Loyola University New Orleans where she was a member of the highly competitive Jesuit Social Justice Scholars program. Upon graduation, Ms. Ard matriculated to Loyola University's School of Law, where she obtained her Juris Doctor degree, in addition to completing coursework in civil law at the Universität Wien in Austria, and comparative international law in Belgium, France, and Luxembourg.

After graduating from law school, Ms. Ard worked as an associate for a well-known boutique insurance defense firm in New Orleans where she gained extensive experience litigating civil cases in state and federal court. Since that time, her practice has focused on the defense of personal injury cases involving motor vehicle collisions, premises liability, and offshore casualties. Ms. Ard is also experienced in litigating oil and gas contractual disputes, and cases related to professional liability. During her work on these types of cases, Ms. Ard has had the opportunity to take multiple cases up on appeal and has obtained favorable rulings on behalf of her clients in those proceedings. Though Ms. Ard has recently moved to San Antonio and is actively forging her way into our community, she maintains ties to her hometown as a proud member of the King Arthur Mardi Gras Krewe.



Education

- Loyola University, New Orleans
- Bachelor of the Arts in Political Science
- Loyola University, New Orleans, College of Law
- Juris Doctor Civil Law
- Maritime Law Society, Loyola University, School of Law (2005-2007)
- Women's International Shipping and Trading Association Academic Distinction Award (2006)
- Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Philips Law School Merit Award (2008)

Court Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- Louisiana State Courts
- Louisiana, Court of Appeal, First Circuit
- Louisiana, Court of Appeal, Second Circuit
- Louisiana, Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- District of Columbia
- Administrative Trial Court for the United States Department of Labor

Joseph E. Cuellar



Professional Experience & Affiliation

Mr. Cuellar primarily focuses on catastrophic tort and commercial litigation, insurance coverage and subrogation issues, professional malpractice, and administrative law issues.

Mr. Cuellar joined the firm following a clerkship with Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa on the San Antonio Court of Appeals. His clerkship experience brings a new depth to the representation Valdez & Treviño provides its clients.

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, San Antonio Bar Association
- Member, San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association

Education

- University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 2012)
- Yale University (B.A., 2009)

Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Appellate Clerk, Travis County Attorney's Office
- Intern, Travis County District Attorney's Office
- Member, American Journal of Criminal Law
- Member, Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity

Court Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals;

Christopher Karl

Professional Experience & Affiliation

Mr. Karl is a trial lawyer. His practice focuses on complex tort and commercial cases in areas involving catastrophic personal injuries and property losses. He represents businesses of all sizes and from numerous industries.

After graduating with degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin, Mr. Karl earned his law degree from St. Mary's University. While in law school, he worked as a judicial intern for the Honorable Justice Paul W. Green of the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Karl began his legal career at Bexar County District Attorney's Office where he obtained extensive jury trial experience. He left the District Attorney's Office to accept the position of briefing attorney with the Honorable Justice Jason K. Pulliam at the San Antonio Court of Appeals. Mr. Karl uses his appellate and courtroom to provide his clients with creative and effective strategies to litigate efficiently, limit exposure, and maximize results.

Mr. Karl has received various professional recognitions including Best San Antonio Lawyers from S.A. Scene. Mr. Karl was also recognized for his work trying one of the first "virtual" trials in Bexar County.

- Admitted to Texas bar, 2005
- Member, San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association
- Member, San Antonio Bar Association

Education

- University of Texas at Austin (B.A., 2003)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D., 2009)

Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Officer of Phi Delta Phi honors fraternity
- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Justice Paul Green, Supreme Court of Texas
- Member of the External Advocacy Program's Negotiations Team
- Winner of First Year Moot Court Competition

Court Admissions

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



Joseph S. Ellis



Professional Experience & Affiliation

A Native Texan, Mr. Ellis grew up in Brownwood, Texas. He is a proud graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and served as an intelligence officer for seven years, with two combat deployments to Afghanistan. He completed his Masters Degree in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma while serving on active duty. After separating from the military, Mr. Ellis attended Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock.

Mr. Ellis has litigated insurance defense matters in venues ranging from the Rio Grande Valley to the Texas Panhandle and El Paso to Beaumont. Before joining Valdez & Treviño, he was a member of another well-respected San Antonio insurance defense firm. His practice at Valdez & Treviño focuses on serious and catastrophic personal injury cases, trucking and transportation litigation, premises liability, products liability, and first and third-party insurance cases involving bodily injury and property losses.

During his spare time, Mr. Ellis enjoys traveling with his lovely wife, hunting, sporting clays, cruising the hill country on his motorcycle, and spending time with his dog Rufus.

Education

- United States Air Force Academy – Bachelor of Science in History, Dean's List
- University of Oklahoma - Masters of Arts, International Relations
- Texas Tech University School of Law – Juris Doctor

Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Staff Editor and Executive Board Member, Administrative Law Journal
- Mediator, Advanced Alternate Dispute Resolution Clinic

Professional Associations and Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- San Antonio Bar Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel

Court Admissions

- Texas State Courts
- U.S. District Court for Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for Southern District of Texas

Elena P. Serna

Professional Experience & Affiliation

Elena P. Serna has litigated cases throughout Texas and New Mexico for over 15 years. In addition to extensive experience in insurance defense, she represents clients in real estate, landlord-tenant, business, and construction matters.

Elena brings prior experience as in-house counsel for an insurance company and in a civil-litigation boutique firm which has given her valuable perspective in advocating for clients across a wide range of legal matters. Her approach is rooted in compassion and service, ensuring that clients feel informed, empowered, and well-represented.

Elena is known for building strong client relationships and brings a personal touch to each case. She believes that trust and connection are just as important as legal strategy, and she works tirelessly to deliver both.

Originally from Santa Fe, New Mexico, Elena now calls Texas home. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, visiting local microbreweries, and spending time with her family, including her dogs and chickens.



Education

- USt. Mary's University School of Law, J.D. (2009)
- University of New Mexico, B.A. in Religious Study & Philosophy (2005)

Awards

- Scene in SA, Outstanding Women in Law (2024, 2025)
- Scene in SA, Outstanding Women in Law
- Business Litigation, Insurance Defense: Commercial, PI Defense: General (2021)

Professional Associations and Memberships

- State Bar of Texas (2010)
- State Bar of New Mexico (2009)
- San Antonio Bar Association
- American Inns of Court
- Consumer & Commercial Law Section
- Insurance Law Section
- Federal Bar Section

Court Admissions

- Texas State Courts
- U.S. District Court for Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Texas

Brandy A. Anderson

Brandy is a native Texas who was raised in East Texas before moving to Bryan, Texas to complete her senior year in High School. Following her graduation from high school, Brandy attended Angelo State University while she worked full-time to support herself. She eventually moved to Northern Virginia and completed her bachelor's degree at Christopher Newport University.

Brandy has worked in insurance defense since her admission to the Texas Bar supporting construction defect, personal injury, premises liability and product liability litigation.

Education

- St. Christopher Newport University (B.S., 1998)
- Mary's University School of Law (J.D., 2022)

Admissions

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



Meredith Cooper

Prior to joining Valdez & Trevino, Meredith practiced family law with an emphasis on appellate work. While in law school, Meredith was an associate editor and staff writer on the St. Mary's Law Journal. Due to her experience, appellate practice remains a primary focus. Meredith supports commercial litigation, personal injury defense, and malpractice cases with heavy drafting and research needs.

Education

- St. Mary's University School of Law - Juris Doctor, 2012
- Tulane University -Bachelor of Science in Management, Legal Studies in Business, 2008

Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas*
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals*



* pending

Joshua A. Dinsmore

Joshua was raised as a Military Child overseas where his father served in the United States Air Force. He graduated in 2017 from the University of Las Vegas Nevada with a bachelor's degree in criminal Justice. After Graduation, he attended Baylor School of Law where he graduated in 2020. During his time at Baylor Law, he was a member of multiple Mock Trial, and Moot Court Teams where his passion for the courtroom only grew.

Education

- J.D. – Baylor School of Law, Waco, TX
- B.A., Criminal Justice – University of Las Vegas Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

Admissions

- Texas State Courts



Christina Herrera

Christina Herrera is a seasoned civil litigator with over 20 years of experience, focusing primarily on insurance defense. She has represented clients in courts across Texas and has tried numerous cases to verdict in Bexar, Dallas, and Tarrant counties, among others. Her practice encompasses a wide range of matters, including defense of personal injury, trucking and transportation, sexual misconduct, premises liability, and personal automobile claims.

Christina represents a diverse client base, including businesses of all sizes and individual insureds. Known for her practical approach and commitment to client service, she is a trusted advisor to both insurance carriers and policyholders. Christina places a strong emphasis on early and open communication, meeting with clients face-to-face at the start of representation and maintaining ongoing dialogue throughout the litigation process.

Education

- Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas (J.D., 2003)
- The University of Texas at Austin (B.A., Government, 1999)

Admissions

- Texas State Courts
- Federal District Courts



Scott E. McCarty

Mr. McCarty has 10 years of experience litigating cases in state and federal courts throughout the State of Texas. He focuses his practice on complex tort and commercial cases involving catastrophic personal injuries and property losses. .

Education

- J.D., St. Mary's School of Law
- B.A., Political Science, University of Texas at San Antonio

Admissions

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



Brenda Montoya

Brenda Montoya was raised in San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from MacArthur High School. She obtained her bachelor's degree in political science and graduated from St. Mary's University in 2012. She was a legislative aide in Austin, Texas, during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013. She then completed an internship at Bracewell & Giuliani in Washington, D.C. in the summer of 2013. Brenda then relocated to Lubbock, Texas, where she attended Texas Tech University School of Law. While in law school, she was a law clerk at Thompson & Kerby where she assisted in personal injury lawsuits. Before joining Valdez & Trevino, Brenda worked for an insurance defense firm where she specialized in 3rd party insurance cases.

Education

- J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 2016
- B.A., St. Mary's University, 2012

Admissions

- Texas, 2016



Courtney Schroeder

Courtney was raised in Plainview, Texas. She graduated in 2016 from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in political science. After graduation, she interned in the Texas House during the 85th Legislative Session in 2017. She then worked in insurance subrogation before attending St. Mary's University School of Law, where she graduated as a John Marshall Harlan Society scholar in 2023. She was a member of Phi Delta Phi and a staff writer on the St. Mary's University Law Journal. While in school, she clerked in-house for a major insurance carrier before joining Valdez & Trevino.

Education

- Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas - Juris Doctor
- Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- Bachelor of Science, Political Science

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas



Alexander Beltaifa

Alex was born in San Antonio, Texas, and lived in different places until finally making San Antonio home after graduating from the University of Texas at San Antonio with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 2011. Alex then taught US History and Texas History in public schools around San Antonio before graduating from St. Mary's University School of Law in 2024.

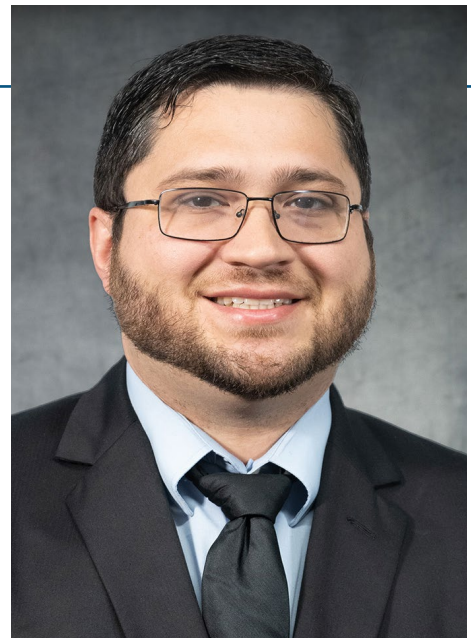
After moving from education to the legal field Alex clerked in-house for a mid-major regional insurance company and practiced both family law and personal injury before joining Valdez & Trevino.

Education

- University of Texas at San Antonio, (B.A. 2011)
- St. Mary's University School of Law, (J.D. 2024)

Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas



Rebecca M. Couch

Rebecca was raised in Seguin, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Literature. After teaching high school English for 7 years, she attended St. Mary's University School of Law. Rebecca graduated from St. Mary's as a Harlan Society member and an editor of The Scholar Law Review.

Education

- Texas A&M University, College Station (B.A., 2014)
- St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio (J.D., 2024)
- State Bar of Texas

Admissions

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



Carlie A. Crenwelge

Carlie was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Texas. Carlie earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and a minor in Economics from Texas A&M University in 2022. She then attended St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio where she got involved with the National Moot Court Team as a brief writer and oralist and was a problem writer for the Jimi Derrick Moot Court Competition. Being a member of the Board of Advocates, she was also a Co-Director for the Wayne & Maxine Scott Negotiation Competition. Carlie was also a Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing Director Sarah Eskridge and was elected President of the Aggie Bar Association on campus.

Outside of work, Carlie loves to spend time with friends and her large family, including three older brothers and one little sister. She also loves to settle down with a good sci-fi book, play tennis, and go thrifting.

Education

- Texas A&M University, College Station (B.S., 2022)
- St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio (J.D., 2025)
- State Bar of Texas

Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas



Alex R. Cerda

Mr. Cerda is an associate attorney whose prior practice focused on civil litigation and transactional law. During this time, he represented individuals and businesses in a wide range of civil matters, including construction, commercial contracts, landlord-tenant matters, and property disputes. Mr. Cerda also drafted and reviewed contracts, advised clients on corporate formation and governance, assisted clients with conducting internal audits on processes and procedures, and handled probate and estate administration.

Education

- Rice University - (B.A. Psychology and Sociology)
- Emory University School of Law - JD; Honors

Admissions

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



David Urgilez

David Urgilez was born in Queens, New York, and raised in Maryland. He is the son of Ecuadorian immigrants. David earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice/criminology with a focus in Latin American Studies from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2018. He later attended the University of Dayton School of Law ("UDSL"), where he served as President of both the Hispanic Law Student Association and the International Law Society. During law school, David was also a staff writer for the UDSL Law Review and was honored with the Brother Raymond Fitz Award.

Outside of the office, David enjoys staying active at the gym, trying new restaurants, traveling, and spending time with family.

Education

- University of Maryland, College Park 2018
- University of Dayton School of Law 2025

Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas



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