

# LAURA A. HERNÁNDEZ

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## EDUCATION:

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY**, Stanford, California, A.B. Economics, A.B. Communications,  
June 1986

**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Dallas, Texas, Juris Doctor,  
May 1996, Sarah T. Hughes Law Scholar, Class of 1996

## PUBLICATIONS

Vol. X (2013)

STANFORD JOURNAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

“The Constitutional Limits of Supply and Demand – Why a Successful Guest Worker Program Must Include a Path to Citizenship”

Compares and contrasts the American guest worker program with that of Canada, then argues that the principles of birthright citizenship require American guest worker programs to provide a path to permanent residency and citizenship for these immigrants as long as this country’s need for low cost, unskilled labor persists.

Spring 2012, Vol. 21:3

CORNELL JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY

“Dreams Deferred – Why In-State College Tuition Rates Are Not a Benefit Under the IIRIRA and How This Interpretation Violates the Spirit of Plyler.”

Argues that providing in-state college tuition rates to undocumented immigrants does not violate section 505 of the IIRIRA and any attempt to apply section 505 in this manner violates the United States Supreme Court’s reasoning in *Plyler v. Doe*.

Spring 2011, Vol. 17:1

TEXAS HISPANIC JOURNAL OF LAW AND POLICY

“When the Wise (Latina) Judge Meets a Living Constitution – Why It Is A Matter of Perspective.”

Analyses of the merits of Justice Sotomayor’s widely reported statement that judges bring their life experiences to the bench when deciding cases and whether the United States Constitution permits this type of insight.

2011, Vol. 19:2

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REVIEW OF LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

“Anchor Babies: Something Less than Equal Under the Equal Protection Clause.”

Analyzes the constitutionality of the municipal ordinances mandating private enforcement of immigration laws by private landlords and their effect on citizen children.

August 8, 2010, Op-Ed, Section 11A

Waco Tribune-Herald

“One of Us.”

Explains the United States Supreme Court decision in *Plyler v. Doe* that mandated equal access to secondary education by undocumented immigrants.

October 20, 2008, Page 83

The National Law Journal

“Wooing Hispanics and Latinos Requires Sensitivity.”

Explains the cultural considerations, while dispelling cultural myths, that law school faculty and admissions personnel should know when recruiting Hispanic students.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL** - Waco, Texas

**Associate Professor**, January 2008 to Present

### **COURSES TAUGHT – BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL:**

Remedies

Insurance Law

Separation of Church and State

Law of the Entertainment Industries

Immigration Law (beginning Winter 2012/2013)

### **INVITED LECTURES – REGIONAL**

2009-2012:

University of Texas at El Paso

Law School Preparation Institute, Boot Camp, Mock Law Class and Mock Final Exam

University of Texas at San Antonio

Law School Preparation Institute, Mock Law Class and Mock Final Exam

University of Texas at Pan American

Law School Preparation Institute, Preparing for the First Day of Class

Baylor University

Women and the Law, One Lawyer’s Perspective

Analysis of legal opinions especially pertinent to women’s issues.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS – NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL**

September 3, 2011

Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention, Law Student Programming.  
“Professionalism and Etiquette: What You Should Know to Successfully Transition to the Legal Profession.”

June 23, 2011

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, Diversity Forum.  
“Repairing the Leaks in Our Pipeline.”

July 15, 2010

Oxford University, Harris Manchester College - Oxford, England.  
"Is There a Place for the Wise Latina, or Wise Woman, in the Legal Academy?"  
Oxford Round Table addressing "Women in the University: Problems and Prospects."

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE – BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL**

Fall 2012:

Advisor, Entertainment Law Society

Founder, Immigration Clinic (slated to open Fall 2012)

Assisting those who qualify for deferment under the Executive Order authorizing prosecutorial discretion to limit enforcement against certain young people who were brought to this country as children.

2008-Present:

Member, Admissions Committee

Minority Student Advisor

Co-Advisor, Diversity in Law Student Association

Advocacy Coach:

2012      HNBA 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition  
AWARDS: National Champions, Best Brief and Best Advocate

New York University Immigration Law Moot Court Competition  
AWARDS: Semi-Finalists and Best Brief

2011      Fourteenth Annual National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition  
AWARDS: Semi-Finalists and Best Respondent's Brief

Asylum and Refugee Law National Moot Court Competition

2010      Thirteenth Annual National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition  
AWARDS: Semi-Finalists, Second Place - Best Respondent's Brief and  
Third Best Speaker

Advocacy Assistant Coach:

2008 National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team and National Pre-Trial  
Competition  
AWARDS: Semi-Finalists

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**BICKEL & BREWER** - Dallas, Texas  
**Senior Associate**, May 2007 to November 2007

**AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.** - San Antonio, Texas  
**Counsel**, July 2000 to March 2007

**SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM, L.L.P.** - Los Angeles, California  
**Litigation Associate**, October 1996 to March 1999

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION** - Fort Worth, Texas,  
**Intern**, January to April 1996

### **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:**

2008-present:

LEAD Program - Mentor, Waco Chamber of Commerce

2003-2007:

Board Member, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio, Texas

The Guadalupe is the largest community-based, multi-disciplinary organization in the United States.

### **MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

State Bar of Texas, Member No. 24025425, licensed on May 3, 2000

State Bar of California, Member No. 186004, licensed on December 11, 1996

Admitted into the Federal Bars of the United State District Court for the Western and Southern Districts of Texas and Central District of California

Mexican American Bar Association, Los Angeles, California and San Antonio, Texas chapters

Federal Bar Association, San Antonio, Texas chapter

Bexar County Women's Bar Association