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## EDUCATION

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The University of Texas School of Law 1993-1996  
Austin, Texas

*J.D. received in May 1996*

- Permanent Class President
- President, Student Bar Association, Spring 1996

Brown University 1989-1993  
Providence, Rhode Island

*B.A. received in May 1993*

- Major in Political Science and Psychology

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Partner November 2000-Present  
Martinez, Barrera y Martinez, L.L.P.  
Brownsville, Texas

- Currently practicing general civil litigation revolving around construction defects, toxic tort, product liability, and other serious personal injury cases.
- Also handling Federal criminal defense cases.

Assistant United States Attorney September 1997-October 2000  
United States Attorney's Office  
Department of Justice  
Brownsville, Texas

- Prosecuted numerous cases to successful completion, including but not limited to narcotics, immigration and public corruption cases.

Law Clerk September 1996 – September 1997  
Honorable Reynaldo G. Garza, Senior Judge  
United States Court Of Appeals For the Fifth Circuit  
Brownsville, Texas/ New Orleans, Louisiana

- Assisted the judge in the performance of his duties, including the research and writing of published opinions

#### **LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES**

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Cameron County Young Lawyers

- President 2000-2001
- President Elect 1999-2000

Texas Young Lawyers Association

- Board of Directors 2001- Present

Texas Rural Legal Aid

- Board of Diectors 2001-2002

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- Board of Directors 2002-Present

American Bar Association

- Member

Texas Trial Lawyers Association

- Member

American Trial Lawyers Association

- Member

State Bar College

- Member 2002 - Present

University of Texas at Brownsville / Texas Southmost College

- Board Member - Development Board