



CARLOS R. CORTEZ

Carlos R. Cortez, served as Presiding Judge of the 44th State Civil District Court in Dallas County from 2007-2014. While on the bench, he presided over hundreds of jury and bench trials involving complex business, commercial and civil litigation, workers' compensation appeals, medical/legal malpractice, product liability, personal injury litigation, employment litigation, consumer litigation and real estate litigation.

An award winning judge for the State of Texas, Mr. Cortez served on a Presidential Inaugural Committee, presided over the largest corporate buyout lawsuit in the history of American jurisprudence and was presented the Medal of Friendship by the President of Mongolia at the United Nations for his judicial service.

Prior to taking the bench, Mr. Cortez was in private practice for 10 years where he represented clients in the areas of business, commercial and civil litigation and personal injury litigation.

Mr. Cortez was recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice for his pro bono work for the victims of the 9/11 tragedy and by the Dallas Bar Association for his pro bono work for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. As an attorney, Mr. Cortez has received many recognitions including having been selected to "D Magazine's" list of Best Lawyers Under 40, Texas Monthly's "Super Lawyers", and "The National Law Journal's" Top Verdicts of the Year.

Since leaving the bench in December 2014, Mr. Cortez continues to practice as a trial lawyer and founded the litigation firm of Cortez Provost, PLLC which handles business, commercial and civil litigation as well as tort/personal injury litigation.

His profession affiliations include the State Bar of Texas; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas; Dallas Bar Association and Dallas Trial Lawyers Association. Respected by both sides of the bar, Mr. Cortez was asked to speak at the Bench Bar Conference in 2007, numerous Dallas Bar Association CLE programs from 2007-2014 and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel CLE conferences in 2011 and 2013

His favorite quotes include:

“The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.” — Vince Lombardi Jr.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.