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**RAMÓN | WORTHINGTON, PLLC**  
**Austin and the Rio Grande Valley**

**Current - Founding Member**

Founding Member and Managing Member of the Austin office of majority minority-owned and women-owned firm devoted to civil litigation, including complex commercial litigation, first-party bad faith, products liability, construction, serious personal injury and death, professional liability (legal and medical malpractice), premises liability, negligence, and labor and employment disputes.

Representative Career Cases:

- First chair in defense of client bank at arbitration, claims made by customer who alleged breach of an agreement to loan funds and sought damages in excess of \$20 million. Arbitration panel ruled in favor of client and awarded fees.
- Second chair for plaintiff in jury trial resulting in verdict of approximately \$6.5 million on behalf of distributor against manufacturer, for breach of contract and for acts related to the manufacturer hiring distributor's sales force.
- Second chair at arbitration for defendant and counter-plaintiff, complex commercial claims related to asset purchase agreement, resulting in arbitration award of damages and fees in favor of client.
- Trial team member representing major Texas law firm in defense of claims for legal malpractice brought by former clients alleging multiple millions in damages, full defense verdict after approximately five week trial.
- Represented international construction-equipment company in connection with products liability claims related to industrial accident and death, successfully resolved prior to trial.
- Represented major medical device manufacturer in connection with products liability claims alleging fall and subsequent death of elderly was caused by defectively designed product, successfully resolved prior to trial.
- Prosecuted significant business dispute for medical company alleging tortious interference with contract, violation of anti-kickback/Stark laws, anticompetitive business practices, business disparagement and conspiracy, successfully resolved prior to trial.
- Secured summary judgment for national non-profit organization against claims made by former employee who was fired for financial improprieties, with subsequent criminal investigation and charges for theft.

**ATLAS, HALL & RODRIGUEZ, L.L.P.**

**March 2012-July 2017**

**Austin and the Rio Grande Valley**

**Partner**

Established Austin office of enduring Rio Grande Valley firm, growing from single attorney to established office. Practice devoted to civil litigation, including complex commercial litigation, first-party bad faith, products liability, construction, serious personal injury and death, professional liability (legal and medical malpractice), premises liability, negligence, and labor and employment disputes.

**COLVIN, CHANEY, SAENZ & RODRIGUEZ L.L.P.**

**July 2002 – March 2009**

**Brownsville, Texas**

**Associate Attorney**

**MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY**

**March 2001 – June 2002**

**Los Angeles, California**

**Associate Attorney**

**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**May 2000 – September 2000**

**Washington, D.C.**

**Deputy Director, Convention Affairs**

**HONORABLE LLOYD DOGGETT, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN**

**May 1999-May 2000**

**Austin, Texas and Washington, D.C.**

**Legislative Aide**

## **EDUCATION**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW**

Juris Doctor with Honors, May 1999

Texas International Law Journal, Member

Research Assistant to William Powers

**TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**

B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, in Political Science and International Studies, May 1996

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND AFFILIATIONS**

Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, 1999

Licensed to practice law in the State of California, 2001

Admitted to practice before the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit and Southern, Western, Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas and the Central District of California

American Bar Association (Litigation Section)

State Bar of Texas (Litigation Section)

Qualified Mediator pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code §154.052(a)

Qualified Mediator pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code §154.052(b) (family)

## **PERSONAL**

Spanish fluency (moderate)