

Emanuel Anthony Martinez

Resume 2011

SUMMARY

Attorney and Counselor at Law with extensive experience in public policy and media communications, and with a special interest in environmental policy, immigration policy, and U.S.-Mexico border affairs.

EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

388th Judicial District Court – Judge Patricia A. Macias, Firearms Surrender Protocols Project

El Paso, TX (1/2011-6/2011)
Program Coordinator

- Oversees the planning and coordinating of day-to-day fiscal, administrative, and operational activities for the 388th *Firearms Surrender Protocols Project*.
- Manages \$120,000 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Recovery Act (VAWA Recovery Act) grant from the Texas Office of the Governor (OOG) Criminal Justice Division (CJD).
- Leads a collaboration team consisting of El Paso law enforcement agencies, victims' services providers, and judicial officials, among others.
- Supervises research staff studying the implementation and effectiveness of El Paso County's firearms surrender protocols.

The McConnell Law Firm
Austin, TX (8/2010-10/2010)
Attorney and Counselor at Law

- Immigration law.
- Appellate law.
- Participated in pro bono Citizenship & Immigration clinic sponsored by NALEO and Univision at El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission in Austin, Texas. (10/16/2010).

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Office of Public Interest Counsel (OPIC),

Austin, TX (10/2009-12/2009)
Intern

- Legal research and writing.
- Administrative law and environmental law.

Office of Texas Senator Eliot Shapleigh (D29),

El Paso, TX
(6/2006-9/2006 & 11/2006-3/2009)
Communications Director

- Managed communications: press releases, press conferences, other media events.
- Managed website: www.shapleigh.org
- Represented Senator Shapleigh at community meetings and functions.
- Conducted policy and legal research and writing.

Eliot Shapleigh for Senate Campaign,
El Paso, TX (9/2006-11/2006)
Campaign Manager

- Managed county-wide state senate campaign.
- Managed campaign staff and volunteers.
- Worked with Senator Shapleigh to develop and manage message.
- Won election on Nov. 7, 2006 with 58.79% of the vote.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Legal Services Dept., Externship Program,
Madison, WI (1/2006-5/2006)
Semester Extern

- Administrative law, environmental law, Indian law and statutory interpretation.
- Served as the primary author of the DNR's comment to the US EPA regarding the Lac du Flambeau Band's application for treatment-as-a-state status under the Clean Water Act.

Newspaper Tree,
El Paso, TX (7/2003 – 5/2004)
www.newspapertree.com
Founding Publisher & Editor

- Developed weekly on-line news concept.
- Reported on news covering the El Paso/Juárez borderlands.
- Edited and formatted copy.
- Earned recognition as a valuable and credible news source from local and regional business and political leaders.
- Newspaper Tree is currently owned and operated by the El Paso Community Foundation (EPCF).
- In 2010, the EPCF received a \$203,000 grant from the John S. and James K. Knight Foundation to re-launch Newspaper Tree.

Raymond Caballero for Mayor Campaign,
El Paso, TX (2/2003 – 5/2003)
Deputy Campaign Manager

- Incumbent mayoral campaign in El Paso, Texas
- Coordinated volunteer activity: phone banking, event planning, neighborhood walking, election day GOTV.
- Assisted with radio and television media.

388th Judicial District Court – Judge Patricia A. Macias,
El Paso, TX (1/2001-7/2001)
District Court Coordinator

- Managed a family court docket for a Texas state district court.
- Provided administrative assistance for a lawyers' committee on developing a Unified Family Court.

El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,
El Paso, TX (5/2000-12/2000)
Public Policy and Small Business Development Director

- Developed and advocated public policy positions supporting Hispanic small business in El Paso, Texas.
- Coordinated periodic education and information trips to the Small Business Administration (SBA) and General Services Administration (GSA) in Washington D.C.

The Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce,
El Paso, TX (5/98-5/2000)
*Programs & Research Manager, Government
Relations Division (11/1999-5/2000)*
*Research Analyst, Government Relations
Division (5/1998-11/1999)*

- Developed issue briefs for business lobbying efforts in Austin, Texas (*El Paso Days in Austin*) and El Paso, Texas (*El Paso Legislative Weekend*).
- Organized and managed the *2000 State of the City (Mayor Carlos Ramirez) Address and 2000 State of the County (County Judge Dolores Briones) Address* in El Paso, Texas.

EDUCATION

- **The University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin**
Juris Doctor (J.D.), May 2006, GPA: 83.2/95.0

Activities & Awards

- 2006 Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Moot Court Competition, Seattle, WA – 1st Place Best Petitioner's brief; 2nd Place Finalist. Competition problem based upon *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 415 F.3d 33 (D.C. Cir. 2005) (12/2005-3/2006).
- Latino/a Law Student Association-UW Madison, Advocacy Committee Chair & Webmaster. 2004-2006.
 - Organized and co-wrote an amicus brief on behalf of LLSA in *Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) v. ASARCO Inc.*, GN4-01709 (Tex. Dist. Ct. 2005).
 - The brief supported the position that TCEQ has the plenary power to call contested case hearings on its own authority.
 - The case involved the re-permitting of a copper smelter in a predominantly Hispanic, low-income community in El Paso, Texas.
 - TCEQ won the lawsuit in 2005.
- **The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), El Paso, Texas**
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Major: Chicano Studies/Minor: History, May 1999, GPA: 3.39/4.0
Activities & Awards
 - Student Government Association, Senator & Vice President for External Affairs (1996-1997).
 - Executive Director and Co-Founder of *Encounter: 1st Bi-national United States-México Student Forum* at the University of Texas at El Paso. The forum was attended by Mexican and US students, totaling 200+ participants. Topics addressed included: politics, economics, environment, public health, culture, immigration, media, history, and Mexican contemporary film (1/1997-4/1997).
 - The University of Texas System Student Advisory Council (SAC), UT El Paso student representative (1996-1997).
 - Dean's List (Spring 1996).
 - Woodrow Wilson Research Fellow, supervised by Dr. Ron Ketter (Spring 1996).
 - Latino/a Leadership Opportunity Program (LLOP), public policy program (9/1995-7/1996).
 - Omega Delta Phi Fraternity (1995-1997).
- **Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas**
Environmental Design (B.E.D.), Attended 1991-1995.

- **Round Rock High School, Round Rock, Texas, May 1991**
 - Activities & Awards
 - Senior Class Vice President (9/1990-5/1991).
 - National Hispanic Institute (NHI)/Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session (LDZ), Senator (7/1989).

MEMBERSHIPS, ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Member, Texas State Bar • Since 2010
Texas State Bar No. 24072221

Attorney Ad Litem Certification, Guardianship
State of Texas • 7/2010 – 7/2012

Hispanic Bar Association of Austin 2010

SELECTED COLUMNS & ARTICLES

- "Discarding America's welcome mat," *Austin American-Statesman*, special contributor (Thursday, April 14, 2011) (On H.B. 12, sanctuary cities legislation filed in the 82nd Texas Legislature).
- "El Paso-Juárez internationalism incomplete," *El Paso Times*, guest columnist (Sunday, April 25, 2010) (On the paradox of El Paso-Ciudad Juárez internationalism.)
- "The Ministry of Truth is thriving at the Texas Board of Education," *El Paso Times*, guest columnist (Sunday, March 21, 2010) (A critique of the politics of the Texas State Board of Education.)
- "Court ruling based on dubious precedent," *El Paso Times*, guest columnist (Sunday, February 14, 2010) (An historical critique of U.S. Supreme Court precedent creating corporate personhood under the Constitution.)
- "Mexico violence calls for new tactics," *El Paso Times*, guest columnist (Sunday, November 22, 2009) (Calling for international intervention in the drug war in Juárez, Mexico.)
- "Paso al Norte: Telling the Story of the Southwest's Ellis Island," *Stanton Street Weekly*, Vol. 1 (March 14-March 20, 2002).

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- **El Paso Museum of Archaeology Advisory Board (MAAB)**
City of El Paso
El Paso, Texas (1/2008-10/2008)
- **El Paso Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB)**
City of El Paso
El Paso, Texas (1/2008-10/2008)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Fifth Annual Border Environment Conference (Encuentro Fronterizo)**, Presented on the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA). Other presenters included Kate Doyle, from the National Security Archives, who presented on the U.S. Open Records Act; and Ricardo Becerra, from the Mexican Federal Institute of Access to Public Information in Mexico City. The conference was held in Rosarito, Baja California, Mexico. (5/16/2005).

LEADERSHIP & JOURNALISM TRAINING

- **Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)**, Cycle III Leadership Program Graduate, Received leadership and community development training in El Paso, Texas: demographics, policy & politics, wellness, speaking & presentation skills, and networking skills. (11/1995-4/1996).
- **University of Texas at Austin (UT), The High School Journalism Workshop for Minorities**, A two-week journalism program at UT that culminated with producing a supplement to "The Daily Texan" entitled "The Daily Achiever." Received training in journalism, photojournalism, and darkroom print processing. Published an investigative report, "Soldiers of the Streets," on military veteran homelessness on Guadalupe Street in Austin, Texas. (7/1990).

LANGUAGES

- English, fluent.
- Spanish, proficient.

ACTIVITIES

- Running, Yoga, Reading & Writing

References available upon request.