

Benny Agosto, Jr. is a partner at the Houston personal injury law firm of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Agosto, Aziz & Stogner. He has been practicing law since 1995 and is board certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Over the course of Mr. Agosto's legal career, he has represented hundreds of individuals who have been seriously injured or families who have lost loved ones due to negligence. His areas of practice include, but are not limited to, work place accidents, motor vehicle, 18-wheeler accidents, wrongful death, environmental law, explosions, electrocutions, and maritime accidents.

In addition to practicing law, Mr. Agosto is active in the community. He is a past President of both the Hispanic National Bar Association and the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas. He is the Founder and President of the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas Foundation and is the Co-Founder of the HNBA Legal Education Fund. He is also the President of the Houston Bar Association and serves as ex Officer to the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Board, Houston Lawyer Referral Service Board and Dispute Resolution Center Board.

His involvement in the legal profession and community has earned him honors locally and nationally. He has received the President's Award from both the State Bar of Texas and Houston Bar Association, the Civil Rights Medal from the Anti-Defamation League, the Peter Torres, Jr. Community Service Award from the Hispanic Issues Section of the State Bar of Texas, The Humanitarian Award from the Hispanic Learning Center, and the Peter Perlman Service Award from the Litigation Counsel of America. He has also been named to the Top Latino Lawyers List since 2013 and one of the 25 Most influential Hispanic Lawyers by Latino Leaders Magazine, the Trailblazer Outside Counsel of the Year by the Texas Minority Counsel Program, voted Top Latino Lawyers for 2017, One of America's Top Trial Lawyers by Review-It Magazine, and the Hispanic Male Executive of the Year by the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 2015. He has been named to the Texas Super Lawyers list for 18 years, which indicates that an attorney is in the top five percent of lawyers in Texas.

Continuing on the trend of community outreach, Mr. Agosto has been credited for rewriting a Texas law concerning police officers assisting one another regardless of on-duty/off-duty status. In his landmark case (Hinojosa v. Harris County), Agosto's client had previously been denied workman's compensation benefits after being injured because he was considered off duty when he responded to an officer's call for assistance. Notably, the case, which resulted in a million-dollar award in benefits in favor of the client, was taken by Mr. Agosto on a pro bono basis. Additionally, his victory in the historic ruling in Republic Waste Services, Ltd. v. Martinez set a new standard in Texas law by preventing the immigration status of a plaintiff from prejudicing a jury and secured the ability of undocumented workers and their families to have a fair day in court.