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Mr. Perez received his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1974 from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas with a major in Political Science. He studied International Law at the London School of Economics in London, England in 1978. He received his law degree from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas and was admitted to the practice of law in 1980.

Mr. Perez has been a prosecutor since he was licensed as an attorney. He served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Houston from 1980 to 1981. From 1981 to 1992, Mr. Perez was a Harris County Assistant District Attorney in Houston, Texas. He served as Chief Prosecutor and was responsible for the prosecution of all felonies, including death penalty cases. He prosecuted thousands of cases and multiple death penalty cases. From 1992 to February 2017, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney. From February 2017 to the present, he returned to the Harris County District Attorney's Office as Chief of the Special Crimes Bureau.

As Chief of the Harris County Special Crimes Bureau, he is responsible for supervising the Major Offender Division, Gangs/Organized Crime Division, Robbery and Burglary Section, Financial Crimes Division, Cyber Crimes Section, Consumer Fraud Section, Money Laundering Division, Major Narcotics Division, and Vehicular Crimes Division.

Mr. Perez served as an Assistant United States Attorney from 1992 to February 2017. From 1992 to 1997, he was assigned to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, during which time he prosecuted international crime organizations trafficking in large scale quantities of narcotics and money laundering. From 1999 to February 2017, he was assigned to the Civil Rights Unit and was Chief of the Human Trafficking/Civil Rights Unit. He was responsible for the investigation and prosecution of federal civil rights violations, including bias-motivated hate crimes, human trafficking, and law enforcement misconduct.

Mr. Perez also served as the District Election Officer overseeing the investigations and prosecutions of election fraud. He also served as Senior Litigation Counsel for the Southern District of Texas. Mr. Perez was named the District's Deputy Coordinator for the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance (HTRA) which he co-founded in August 2004.

Mr. Perez successfully investigated and prosecuted several high profile cases in his assignment to the Human Trafficking/Civil Rights Unit. The following are some examples of his prosecutions. He was the lead prosecutor in the successful prosecution of five defendants who burned a cross at the home of an African-American family in Katy, Texas. All five defendants were convicted and all received lengthy prison sentences. He was also the lead prosecutor in the successful prosecution of three Immigration and Naturalization Services Deportation Officers for the deprivation of the civil rights of an illegal alien. One defendant was convicted of excessive force by dousing the alien with pepper spray. All three defendants were convicted of denying medical care to the illegal immigrant, who was paralyzed during an INS raid in Bryan, Texas.

The victim died a year later. The prosecution for the denial of medical care in a non-jail setting was the first of its kind in the United States. All three defendants received lengthy prison sentences. He was also the lead prosecutor in the largest human trafficking case ever prosecuted in the continental United States. Over one-hundred victims of human trafficking were rescued and eight defendants were prosecuted. All eight defendants were sentenced to prison sentences. He was also responsible for the prosecution of two Skinheads who brutally beat a Hispanic man simply because he was using a gasoline station. Both were sentenced to lengthy prison terms. He was also the lead prosecutor in a precedent setting human trafficking case where ten defendants were sentenced to prison and their assets forfeited with the goal of liquidating the forfeited assets to help the victims. He was responsible for the successful prosecution of fourteen defendants (U.S. v. Hortencia Arguello-Medeles aka "Tencha", et al) who operated a sex trafficking ring. All have been convicted and sentenced to prison and fifteen properties with a value of \$2.5 million have been forfeited with the goal of using these monies to help the victims. The lead defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment. There is one remaining fugitive. There is a \$50,000 reward for his capture. This case and the remaining fugitive were featured in "The Hunt" with John Walsh in CNN. He was responsible for the successful prosecution of an international sex trafficking ring. This prosecution involved six defendants. He prosecuted five defendants in 2005. The lead defendant was a fugitive, He was arrested in March 2010 in Mexico. He was extradited to the United States in June 2014 in a precedent setting cooperation of Mexican and American authorities. He was sentenced to 40 years imprisonment. He was also a prosecutor in the successful of three gang members in Corpus Christ, Texas who brutally beat an African American, homosexual male because of his race and sexual orientation. All received lengthy prison sentences.

Mr. Perez has received numerous civic and professional awards. He was the Mexican American Bar Association 2019 recipient of the Joe Campos Torres Justice Award and the Texas State University 2012 Alumni Achievement Award Recipient. Some of his other notable awards include three Executive Office for United States Attorney Director's Awards, one of which was for his work in coordinating the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance; commendations from the United States Attorney; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and Department of Justice-Office of Inspector General. He has served as an instructor for the Department of Justice Criminal Trial Advocacy Program and often speaks at law enforcement seminars, area schools, and universities. He has taught Human Trafficking classes both in the United States and also internationally in Mexico City, Mexico; Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico; Kyrgyzstan; Guadalajara, Mexico; Santiago, Chile; Paraguay; Puerto Rico; and San Salvador, El Salvador. He is also a frequent lecturer on Civil Rights issues, criminal justice matters, and immigrant issues in many forums.

On a personal note, Mr. Perez is a dedicated husband to his wife, Marisela. They have been married for forty-seven years and are the proud parents of two children, both of whom are lawyers. He is also a proud member of the Tejano Music Hall of Fame.