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General:

Born in Autlán De Navarro, Jalisco, Mexico, brought to this country by parents when he was 13. Was enrolled on 7th grade. By 9th grade he had learned English well enough to take college prep. courses. In High School, played baseball and football. High School Student Body Vice-President and had earned enough credits to graduate as a Jr. Stayed 4th year to take more science courses. Met his future wife his first day of High School and was married on the sixth anniversary of their first date.

Decided to go to college at CSUF and stay close to home. At CSUF he was involved in student government and was elected Chief Justice of the Student Body Court. (Actually decided cases on student and professor discipline issues.) Attended McGeorge School of Law and again was involved in student organizations. Elected president of California Latino Law Student Association, was a tutor to underclassmen and an ambassador for the law school.

Today, married for over 30 years, two adult sons. Loves dogs and horses. Trying to finish his horse ranch. Interested in social justice and education of our youth.

Hobbies:

Spending time with family, ranch work, travel and keeping up with politics.

ADR Philosophy and Approach

Mr. Lopez is an essential member of the CAMS panel of Family Law Mediators. Mr. Lopez, bilingual in English and Spanish, has been a member of the Riverside Superior Court Family Law Mediation Panel for five (5) years for which he has been awarded for excellence in mediation. Mr. Lopez has been a family law lawyer for most of his career from which he has developed an acute understanding of the needs of the parties and how to communicate in even the most difficult cases. Because of his ability and success, Mr. Lopez is an irreplaceable member of the Superior Court panel.

Professional Experience

1990 – Present – Civil Law Practice: Civil Litigation, Family Law, Estate Planning, Chapter 7 Bankruptcies and some Transactional Matters. Researched and wrote briefs as an associate for superior court and court of appeals; prepared SEC documents for publically traded companies; drafted agreements for mergers and acquisitions transactions.

2010 – Present – Mediator: Riverside Superior Court, Family Law Voluntary Settlement Conference Program

2015– Present – Mediator: California Arbitration & Mediation Services (CAMS)

AWARDS

2010-2013 – Jane Addams Award for Excellence in Family Law Mediation (Riverside Superior Court)

2014-2017 – Solomon Award for Superiority in Family Lay Mediation (Riverside Superior Court)

Professional Associations

CURRENT

Riverside County Bar Association, Project Graduate Committee Member and Educational Advocate

Riverside County Bar Association

Riverside Superior Court Bench/Bar Committee

Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Ending 2019

San Bernardino County Bar Association

American Bar Association

Libreria del Pueblo Legal Clinic

Community Affiliations

2004 – 2010 Red Mass Committee

1998 – 2001 Boys & Girls Club of San Bernardino, Director & Vice President

1994 – 1999 City of San Bernardino Public Libraries, Trustee

1995 – 1999 San Bernardino Police Department, Commissioner

1996 – 1998 OPAL Commission San Bernardino Police Department, Member

1994 – 1995 Youth Accountability Board, County of San Bernardino, Director

RECOGNITION & AWARDS:

2015-2017 Riverside County Superior Court-Family Court: SOLOMON Award-Excellence in Mediation

2010 through 2014 Riverside County Superior Court-Family Court: JANE ADDAMS Award-Excellence in Mediation

2006 The State Bar of California Local Minority Advocate of the Year

2000 The Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services

Independent Business Office:

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