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FIRM PROFILE & HISTORY

Vidaurri, Lyde, Rodriguez & Haynes, L.L.P. has over 150 years collective experience defending individuals and corporations. We know the particulars unique to South Texas, its juries, local lawyers and judges. VLRH, LLP, lawyers are recognized as trial lawyers with a proven ability to gain the respect of local juries and win tough cases. Both large national companies and small local businesses seek local representation from VLRH lawyers for difficult, South Texas cases.

Overall, we understand our clients have options for legal counsel so we pursue excellence in our fields of practice on a daily basis. We believe VLRH is the best option for experienced and aggressive legal counsel in South Texas.

The lawyers with Vidaurri, Lyde, Rodriguez & Haynes, LLP, maintain a loyal client base. We attribute our long-standing client relationships to our commitment to serve our clients in a manner tailored to each client's individual needs and litigation philosophy. We understand our clients' need for early investigation, open communication and timely evaluations. Our clients receive regular updates on cases and prompt responses to client case inquiries.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Personal injury defense: We defend small and large businesses facing premises liability lawsuits in the area. We also represent defendants and their insurance companies in motor vehicle accident cases and oil field equipment manufacturers after oil field accidents and explosions.

Construction defect dispute: Construction companies turn to us to defend allegations of construction defects in litigation.

Commercial vehicle litigation: We defend shipping and transportation companies in litigation over commercial vehicle accidents, such as accidents involving buses and large trucks.

Commercial liability defense: Large corporations throughout the country retain our firm for a range of commercial liability matters, including disputes over real estate, employment matters and banking matters.

Professional liability defense: We represent national insurance companies, adjusters and lawyers facing lawsuits over bad faith or accusations of professional misconduct.

Medical malpractice defense: We defend doctors, dentists, podiatrists, nurses and hospitals against claims of medical negligence. We have represented nearly every hospital in Hidalgo County.

Healthcare and Regulatory Matters: We represent doctors before the Texas Medical Board, hospital peer review and credentialing committees. We also defend physicians in government audits, investigations and *qui tam* lawsuits alleging fraudulent billing.



PARTNERS



STEVE VIDAURRI is a Rio Grande Valley native. For the past 20 years, he has made a name for himself defending local/national retail stores, restaurants and entertainment venues. Steve's varied practice includes product liability, construction, and oil field defense. Steve serves on numerous local boards and is often retained as local counsel.

Education:

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1982
- B.B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1979

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 1983



JOHN "RICK" LYDE, the firm's managing partner, is a Martindale-Hubbell AV-rated lawyer. Rick defends local doctors, dentists, and lawyers in lawsuits and before licensing boards. He is often called upon by national corporations and insurance companies to defend complex personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Education:

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1981
- B.S., Baylor University, 1979

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 1982
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas



TAMARA RODRIGUEZ represents doctors in malpractice cases, privileging and credentialing disputes, Texas Medical Board matters and contractual disputes. Tamara's healthcare practice includes defending physicians in OIG and AG investigations, qui tam cases and billing audits. Tamara is a member of the Texas State Bar Rules Committee and has spoken nationally on healthcare law.

Education:

- LLM (Healthcare), Loyola University Chicago, 2015
- J.D., South Texas College of Law, 1994
- B.A., Florida State University, 1990

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 1994
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas



STEVE HAYNES heads the San Antonio office. He has tried over 100 cases to verdict. He has successfully defended clients involved in catastrophic and wrongful death auto accidents and multi-million dollar construction defect disputes. Steve's practice focuses on construction defect, commercial motor vehicle, and serious personal injury and automobile death cases.

Education:

- J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, 1986
- B.A., University of Texas, 1982

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 1986
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas



GUILLERMO "MEMO" TIJERINA, JR., a partner, is from San Antonio. Memo primarily practices in personal injury defense, though his practice extends to defense of commercial motor vehicle accidents, premises liability and first-party insurance claims. Memo places a heavy emphasis on resolving cases in the courtroom, which has resulted in him trying several cases a year to valley juries.

Education:

- J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School, 2006
- B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2002

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 2006
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

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Of Counsel



GLENN ROMERO has enjoyed success as a trial lawyer on both sides of the docket for over 25 years. He is AV-rated and board certified. Glenn has a varied practice representing individuals and businesses in complex commercial motor carrier personal injury torts, products liability cases and business transactions.

Education:

- J.D., South Texas College of Law, 1986
- B.S., University of Tampa, 1982

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 1986
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas



ROBERTO CANTU, JR., was born and raised in McAllen, Texas. After graduating from the University of Texas-Pan Am with a BBA in 1992, he worked as an insurance claims adjuster from 1993 until 2000. He obtained his Juris Doctorate in 2003. Roberto's practice is focused on defending individuals, businesses, and insurance companies and he has tried cases all over the Rio Grande Valley as well as Laredo and Corpus Christi.

Education:

- J.D., Thurgood Marshall School of Law, 2003
- B.B.A., University of Texas-Pan American, 1992

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 2003



J. ARNOLD AGUILAR primarily represents governmental entities in civil rights, law enforcement and employment matters, though he also represents several major corporations in the defense of large trucking accidents. Arnold has also won numerous appellate decisions before the Texas Supreme Court and the federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law, is AV rated, was awarded a Texas Center for Professionalism Award in 2006, and was a Texas Monthly Super Lawyer in 2012.

Education:

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1985
- B.A., Stanford University, 1982

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 1986
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court



FRANCISCO J. ZABARTE was born in Havana, Cuba, and grew up in Chicago area. He came to Texas to attend law school. After law school, Frank accepted the opportunity of working with Fidencio G. Garza, Federal Magistrate Judge in Brownsville. His area of practice consists of municipal representation, school law, insurance defense, business transactions and litigation, and he is an arbitrator for the Texas Education Agency. He has extensive experience in representation of police officers of the Valley through their Association, and Border Patrol Agents through their national association.

Education:

- J.D., South Texas College of Law, 1987
- B.A., Wabash College, 1981

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 1988
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Certified Hearing Examiner, Texas Education Agency





Associates



MARICELA "MARI" CAMPOS was born in Laredo and raised in San Antonio. Mari has been a Valley resident since 1990. Over her 20-year legal career, Mari has been instrumental in assisting the firm's trial attorneys with detailed case work-up, complex appellate and legal matters on wide ranging issues.

Education:

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1989
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1985

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 1989



NICK DOMINGUEZ is a Rio Grande Valley native. Before joining VLRH, Nick served as a senior staff attorney at the Thirteenth Court of Appeals. Nick maintains an appellate and motions practice, whereby he provides VLRH's trial lawyers with briefing and litigation support.

Education:

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 2004
- B.A., Dartmouth College, 2001

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 2004
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas



VANESSA E. VALDEZ is a native of San Antonio, Texas, where she focuses her practice on civil litigation, insurance defense. Prior to joining VLRH, Vanessa handled construction defect cases. She is a fellow of the San Antonio Bar Foundation and has been recognized as one of Scene in SA's "Best Lawyers" and one of Texas Monthly Magazine's "Rising Stars."

Education:

- J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, 2004
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2000

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 2004
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 2007



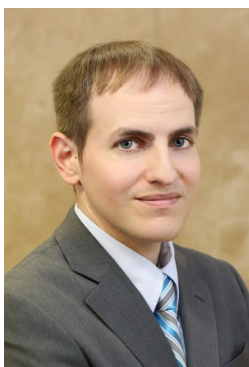
PABLO RIVERA was born and raised in Puerto Rico. He is an army veteran who served as a medic in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2.5 and 06-08. Pablo is based in San Antonio and focuses his practice on the areas of civil litigation, insurance defense, personal injury defense and immigration.

Education:

- J.D., Magna Cum Laude, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2011
- M.A., International Relations, St. Mary's University, 2011
- B.A., University of Incarnate Word, 2008

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 2011
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas



NICHOLAS DENZER was born in San Antonio and raised in Texas. In law school, Nick was an articles editor for the University of Toledo Law Review. Nick also attended the University of Denver's Graduate Tax Program and volunteered in their Low Income Tax Payer Clinic. Nick works out of the firm's Edinburg office on a range of issues in the areas of civil litigation, insurance defense, and personal injury defense.

Education:

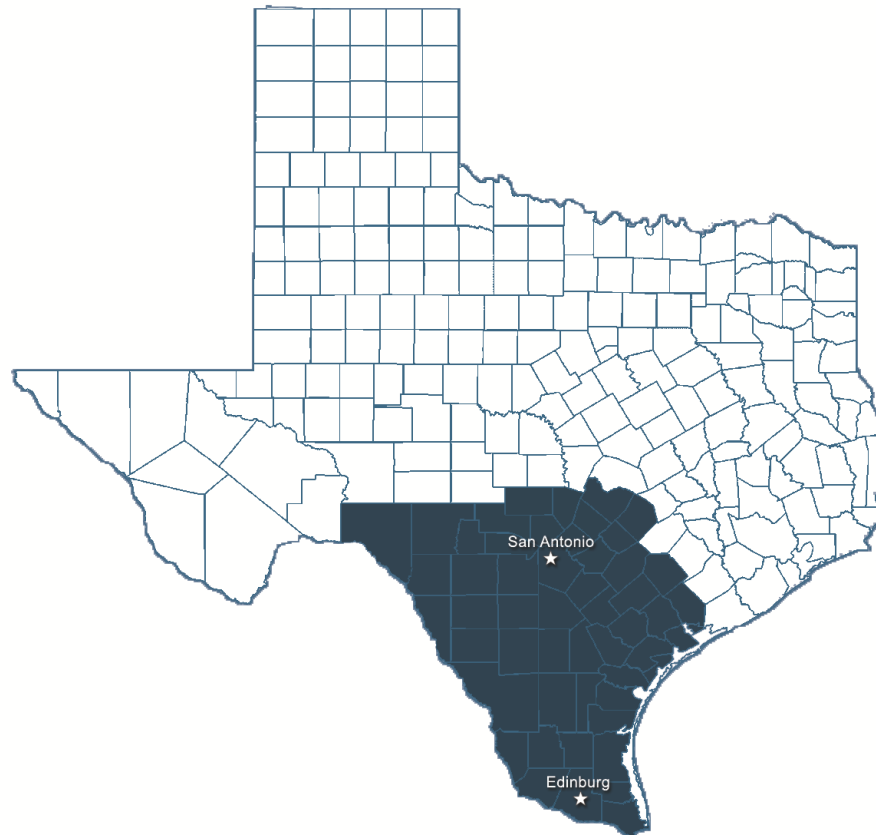
- J.D., University of Toledo College of Law, 2013
- B.A., Brigham Young University, 2010

Professional Licenses:

- State Bar of Texas, 2014
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- Colorado State Bar, 2013
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

PRACTICING COUNTIES

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