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BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas | U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas | U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas | U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

EXPERIENCE

Omar Ochoa Law Firm | McAllen, Texas

March 2025 – Present

Litigation Attorney | Plaintiffs' Personal Injury

- Drove more than \$9.1M in gross recoveries for injured clients across 146 personal injury matters, including multiple six-figure resolutions.
- Lead litigation in motor-vehicle collision, commercial, premises liability, wrongful death, and catastrophic injury cases across Texas state and federal courts.
- Own case strategy from early evaluation through discovery, depositions, mediation, dispositive motion practice, and trial preparation, with early issue-spotting on commercial exposure, coverage, and liability.
- Draft and negotiate policy-limit and Stowers-focused demands, mediation statements, and settlement terms, and direct the pleadings, written discovery, objections, and deficiency practice behind them.
- Marshal records, experts, damages development, and liability investigation to support settlement posture, dispositive briefing, and trial themes.
- Counsel clients through litigation, mediation, settlement decisions, and case-risk analysis with clear communication and practical recommendations.
- Created litigation checklists, training materials, templates, SOPs, and AI-assisted drafting workflows for demands, discovery, deposition preparation, mediation, and case evaluation.

Colvin, Saenz, Rodriguez & Kenamer, L.L.P. | Edinburg, Texas

July 2024 – March 2025

Associate Attorney | Insurance Defense

- Defended commercial clients in auto, trucking, and premises liability matters through discovery, depositions, mediation, and trial preparation.
- Drafted pleadings, written discovery, motions, and legal memoranda, and briefed dispositive, evidentiary, and damages issues.
- Worked with adjusters, corporate representatives, clients, and opposing counsel to evaluate exposure, shape defense strategy, and negotiate efficient resolutions.

Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC | Houston, Texas

October 2022 – July 2024

Associate Attorney | Complex Civil & Insurance Defense

- Represented insureds and carriers in D&O litigation, professional liability, real estate disputes, commercial litigation, and personal injury defense.
- First-chaired multiple trials and handled witness preparation, exhibits, courtroom argument, and trial strategy.
- Managed discovery strategy, deposition and mediation preparation, motion practice, and trial support across complex civil matters.
- Drafted dispositive motions, pleadings, discovery, and briefing on insurance, commercial, professional liability, and evidentiary issues.

Hinojosa Law, PLLC | Houston, Texas

January 2021 – October 2022

Associate Attorney | Plaintiffs' Personal Injury

- Represented plaintiffs in motor-vehicle collision, wrongful death, and premises liability matters from pleadings and discovery through depositions, mediation, and settlement negotiations. Prepared demand materials, settlement communications, and case strategy across a plaintiff-side PI caseload.
- Served as media point of contact on publicized matters, keeping messaging consistent and aligned with litigation posture.

EDUCATION

University of Houston Law Center | Houston, Texas

Juris Doctor, May 2020

Hunter College (CUNY) | New York, New York

B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*; B.A., Media Studies, May 2017

CORE COMPETENCIES

Litigation: Personal injury; commercial trucking; premises liability; wrongful death; catastrophic injury; minor-victim cases; insurance disputes; federal practice; discovery strategy; depositions; mediation; motion practice; trial preparation; case valuation.

Leadership: Litigation operations; high-volume docket management; staff supervision; attorney and paralegal training; workflow design; SOP development; process improvement; case strategy.

Technology: Clio Manage; Lawmatics; Dialpad; Google Workspace; Dropbox; Microsoft Office; Adobe Creative Suite; Westlaw; LexisNexis; AI-assisted workflow development.

Languages: English; conversational Spanish.