

Justice Eva Guzman
Supreme Court of Texas

Justice Eva Guzman has served at three levels of the Texas judiciary. She began her judicial service on the 309th District Court in Harris County, following an appointment by then-Governor George W. Bush. Justice Guzman then moved on to serve on the Houston-based Fourteenth Court of Appeals for almost a decade. As an intermediate appellate court judge, Justice Guzman ruled on thousands of complex civil and criminal cases. In 2009, she was appointed to serve on the Supreme Court of Texas by Governor Rick Perry. She was elected to a full term in November 2010, becoming the first Hispanic woman elected to state-wide office in Texas. In 2016, she made history twice more: she received the most votes ever in a Texas Republican Party primary with 1.27 million votes and won re-election that November with a record setting 4.88 million votes—at that time, the highest vote total for any office in Texas election history. Now in her 20th year on the bench, Justice Guzman has consistently received high marks in judicial evaluation polls.

Justice Guzman’s devotion to the law and her community has been recognized by national, state, and local organizations. Justice Guzman is a recipient of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston’s *Lifetime Achievement Award* and was named *Appellate Judge of the Year* in 2016 by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists. The John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute awarded Justice Guzman its prestigious 2015 *Outstanding Texas Leader Award*. The Texas Advocacy project recognized Justice Guzman as a community leader committed to ending power-based personal violence with a 2016 *Vision Award*. She is a 2014 recipient of the Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas’s *Sara T. Hughes Lawyers of Achievement Award* and a 2014 recipient of the Association of Women Attorneys’ *Premier Women in the Law Modern Trailblazer Award*. Her alma mater, South Texas College of Law, recognized Justice Guzman’s significant career accomplishments and community leadership with an *Alumni Impact Award* in 2014. The National Hispanic Bar Association honored Justice Guzman with a *Latina Judge of the Year Award* in 2009. Justice Guzman holds *Pathfinder Awards* from both the Travis County Women Lawyers Association and Texas Women Lawyers and was an early recipient of the Texas Executive Women “Women on the Move®” Award.

A Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum, Justice Guzman has a long track record of community service and has devoted many volunteer hours to organizations committed to children. As Chair of the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families, she has worked with leaders across the state to improve outcomes of safety and permanency, and to foster the well-being of Texas’ most vulnerable children and families. Since 2010, Justice Guzman has fostered a collaborative approach that has produced deep and enduring relationships among stakeholders across the child welfare system. With the support of its many commissioners and stakeholders, the Children’s Commission has been recognized on a state and national level for its impact on the child welfare system. Additionally, Justice Guzman is the Court’s liaison to the Texas Access to Justice Commission, an organization dedicated to expanding legal access in civil legal matters for low-income Texans. She has previously served on the boards of the Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates, The Escape Center, the Wesley Community Center and the Houston Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Justice Guzman's service has not been limited to her judicial work. She is a member of both the Board of Trustees for The Center for American and International Law and the Board of Trustees for South Texas College of Law. She serves on the board of Career Spring, an organization devoted to establishing networking and career opportunities for first generation college students. She previously served on the board of the Garland Walker American Inns of Court and on the Duke University School of Law Board of Visitors. Since 2005, she has been a member of the American Law Institute.

Before taking the bench, Justice Guzman enjoyed a successful 10-year litigation career in Houston. She holds a B.B.A. from the University of Houston, a J.D. from South Texas College of Law, and an LL.M. from Duke University School of Law. Justice Guzman is married to Antonio Guzman, a retired police officer, and they have one daughter, also a lawyer.