

MARIA A. SALAS-MENDOZA



ELECTED POSITION

District Court Judge, 120th Judicial District Court, Term 2007-present

EDUCATION

J.D., UCLA School of Law, 1994

A.B., Harvard-Radcliffe College, 1990 [Cum Laude]

PROFESSIONAL

District 11 Director (AK, OK, TX), National Association of Women Judges, Oct. 2020-present

Council Member, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, 2019 to present, 2013 to 2016

Council Member, Hispanic Issues Section, State Bar of Texas, 2017-present;
Vice-President, 2001-2002

Member, Harvard Schools and Scholarship Committee, 2000 to present

Board Member/Judicial Advisor, Texas Women Lawyers, 2009 to present

Administrative District Judge, El Paso County Council of Judges, 2015-2019

Immediate Past President, El Paso Executive Women Lions Club, 2018 to 2019;

President 2017-18, 2015-16; Secretary 2014-2015; Charter Member 2013-2014

Immediate Past President, El Paso Bar Association, 2013 to 2014

President 2012-2013; Executive Committee 2008-2012; Board of Directors 2002-2005

Council Member, Criminal Justice Section, State Bar of Texas, 2010 to 2014

Secretary/Treasurer, Texas Center for the Judiciary, 2011 to 2013

Special Events & Fund Raising Committee, 2009 to 2010

Member, Judicial Academic Network/Judicial Education Committee, and

New Judges Committee, National Association of Women Judges, 2011 to 2012

SPEAKER/COURSE DIRECTORSHIPS

Speaker, Texas Paralegal Day, Virtual Seminar, El Paso Paralegal Association, Court's Response to the Pandemic, October 23, 2020

Panelist, Texas Association of County Auditors Fall Conference, District Judges' Perspective of the County Auditor Role, Virtual Presentation, October 22, 2020

Panelist/Moderator, NALS/El Paso Association of Legal Professionals Education Week: The Intersection of Technology and Tradition, Virtual Meeting, October 14, 2020

Panelist, El Paso Bar Association, 24th Annual Trial Practice Seminar, Judges Panel: Use of Experts;

February 2020; Speaker, 17th Annual Civil Practice Seminar, Gender Bias: Lawyers Behaving

Badly, February 2013; Panelist, 16th Civil Trial Seminar, Views from the Bench, February 2012; 13th

Civil Trial Seminar, Effective Trial Advocacy, Feb. 2009

Speaker and Discussion Group Leader, 2019 College for New Judges, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Dec. 2019

Panelist, Prosecuting and Defending Truck and Auto Collision Cases, Litigation Section and TexasBarCLE, Judges' Panel – Preservation of Error, November 2019

Speaker, Texas Center for the Judiciary Regional Conferences, Impaired Driving Assessment, April & May 2016

AWARDS/HONORS

2018-2019 New Voices in Leadership, Lions Club International, January 2019

2017 Outstanding Jurist presented by the El Paso Paralegal Association, 2017 and 2013

2017 McDonald's Hispanos Triunfadores Award in Government Service, September 2017

2016 Phillips Brooks House Association, Outstanding Alumna Award, October 2016
2014 Pathfinder, presented by Texas Women Lawyers, February 2014