

## BIOGRAPHY

Irma Carrillo Ramirez was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, on September 9, 2002. In that role, she handles federal civil cases, matters and motions in a wide variety of areas, as well as criminal preliminary felony proceedings, motions, and trials and sentencings in misdemeanor and petty offense cases.

Prior to her appointment, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, where she spent time in both the criminal and civil divisions. Before joining the United States Attorney's Office, she was an associate attorney in the general commercial litigation section of the law firm of Locke Purnell Rain Harrell L.L.P.

She received her law degree in 1991 from Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Texas, where she was a Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Fellow. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas State University, Canyon, Texas, in 1986.

Judge Ramirez has received the Dallas Women Lawyer's Association's Louise B. Raggio Award, the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service, the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association's La Luz Achievement Award, the SMU Women in Law Distinguished Alumna Award, a Federal Executive Board Public Service Award, and the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers' Outstanding Mentor Award. She is a member of SMU Dedman School of Law's Executive Board and the SMU Law Review Association Advisory Board, and has previously served two terms on the Board of Trustees for the Texas Center for Legal Ethics, including as the Chair. She is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation, a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation, a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, a Fellow of the Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation, a Master in the William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court, an SMU Community Fellow, and a member of the American Bar Association, the Texas Bar Association, the Dallas Bar Association, the Dallas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and the Federal Magistrate Judges Association. Judge Ramirez has been a Trial Advocacy instructor at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and is also a frequent presenter at educational programs sponsored by legal and civic groups as well as schools.

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