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University of Houston Law Center, Doctor of Jurisprudence

(1983 - 1988)

Cornell University, Bachelor of Architecture

(1975 - 1980)

Current

•Yolanda Cortes Mares, Attorney At Law, (1992-Present)

A solo practitioner in Bell County, Texas, currently primarily concentrating on Child Welfare Law cases either representing parents or as the court appointed Guardian Ad Litem or Attorney Ad Litem for children.

Previous

•Andrews, Myers & Donaldson, PC, Houston, TX, Attorney (1990-1992)

•Presiding Judge, City of Kempner (2005-2018) – part time

Professional Licenses

•Attorney and Counselor at Law, State of Texas (licensed November, 1989)

•Licensed Architect, State of Texas

Languages

•Spanish - Native or bilingual proficiency (oral and written)

Professional Organizations

•Immediate Past State Bar of Texas District 8 Director (2019-2022)

2020-2021 Advisor to Child Protection Law Section

2020-2021 Advisor to PJC – Family & Probate Committee

2020-2021 Alternate Advisor to Women In The Profession Committee

2021-2022 Alternate Advisor to PJC- Justice of the Peace Court Section

Discipline & Client Attorney Assistance Committee

Client Security Fund Committee

2021-2022 Policy Manual Sub-Committee

2022 Ad Hoc Committee to Select At-Large Directors

2021-2022 Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) Committee –

Cognitive/Special Population Subcommittee

•Treasurer-Elect, SBOT Child Protection Law Section (CPLS) (2023-2024)

•Member, SBOT Child Protection Law Section (CPLS) Multiculturalism Committee

•Member, SBOT MCLE Committee (2023-2025)

•Member, SBOT Building Planning Special Committee (2021-Present)

•Member, Bell County Bar Association

•Past President, Bell County Women's Bar Association

•Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Appeals

- E.T.-M vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-18-00622-CV, Child Custody – accelerated
- B.L. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-19-00916-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- E.D. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-19-00766-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- E.R. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-20-00033-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- S.C. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-20-00179-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- C.C. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-20-00351-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- M.A.R.G. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-20-00413-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- D.J. and A.S. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-20-00454-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- C.A.C. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-20-00563-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- J.T. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-21-00070-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- C.C. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-21-00161-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- A.A. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-21-00307-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- A.M. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-22-00240-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- S.W. and M.S. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-22-00239-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- B.S. and M.S. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-22-00279-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- E.G. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-22-00469-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- M.L. and S.D. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-22-00541-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated
- C.G. vs. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*, 03-22-00754-CV, Termination of parental rights or conservatorship – accelerated (pending)

Speeches & Publications

• *“Traveling to a Foreign Destination: How to Transition From Trial to Your First Appeal”*, presented at the Advanced Family Law: Child Abuse & Neglect Workshop, San Antonio, Texas, August 9, 2023

• *“Duties and Responsibilities When Multi Ethnicity Meets Foster Care”*, presented at the 3rd Advanced Child Protection Law Course, Houston, Texas, March 6, 2020

Honors & Awards

• **Bell County Pro Bono Award - Bell County Bar Association** (2016 and 2006) – Awarded for outstanding contributions towards making legal services possible for low income families and individuals in Bell County.

• **Catholic Education Award – Diocese of Austin** (2012) - Nominated by St. Mary’s Catholic School, Temple, TX; past member of School Advisory Board, Secretary, and active fundraiser & coordinator of the School’s Guardian Angels Program.

• **Chairperson and Trustee - 6 years of Service - State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust** (1998) – This was a quasi-governmental appointment, managing the trust that funded insurance offered to Texas attorneys.

• **1993-1997 Contribution to Residents of Public Housing - Housing Authority of the City of Houston** (1997) – As a Commissioner of the Housing Authority of City of Houston, I helped to make policy decisions affecting public housing in the City of Houston, heard public comments during sessions, and evaluated bond proposals.

Other Certifications

• US Sailing Club Judge

Family

• Married to Adolph Mares, M.D.
• Daughter, Alexandra