

Chief Justice Rebeca C. Martinez is the proud daughter of a Vietnam War Veteran and his wife of almost 60 years. She was raised on military bases all around the country for most of her childhood. She graduated as a University Scholar with dual degrees from **Southern Methodist University** in Dallas. She was the recipient of the prestigious Faculty Award from **Boston University School of Law**.

Chief Justice Martinez clerked at Mintz, Levin Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo in Boston, MA, served with U.S. Magistrate Judge Eduardo de Ases in the Southern District of Texas, and clerked for Justice Federico G. Hinojosa on the Texas 13th Court of Appeals. Following her clerkships, she began a 20-year litigation practice, first with two prestigious law firms then as President of her own law practice, growing to three branch offices and handling complex multi-party litigation in federal and state courts across Texas.

In 2012, she was elected to the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, reelected in 2018, and elected Chief Justice in 2020. The Texas 4th Court of Appeals is the first all-female appellate court in the country.

Among numerous positions held at the local, state and national level, Chief Justice Martinez has served on the Board of Directors for the Texas Young Lawyers Association (1996-1998), the State Bar of Texas, and the National Association of Women Judges. She was elected by her peers on the state judiciary as Chair of the State Bar of Texas Judicial Section, and is past recipient of “Judge of the Year” and the American Judges Association’s Judicial Courage Award, to name just a few of her recognitions. She is most proud of her continued service on the Boston University School of Law Dean’s Advisory Board.