

**Linda Garza** graduated with Honors from the University of Texas Moody College of Communication with a Bachelor of Journalism in December of 1997. She then attended the University of Houston Law Center and was licensed to practice law in the State of Texas in 2002. The majority of her legal career has been spent in public service in Laredo, Webb County, Texas as an Assistant Public Defender for three years and then an Assistant District Attorney for 13 years where she was the Chief Prosecutor for the Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Unit, 49<sup>th</sup> District Court Felony Unit and the Special Victims Unit. As an Assistant District Attorney, she managed thousands of cases and was lead counsel in many jury trials. She previously served as an officer of the Laredo Young Lawyer's Association, past President and CLE Director of the Webb County Bar Association, past-President of the Webb County Women's Bar Association and board member of the Laredo-Webb County Children's Advocacy Center. In 2018, she began working for Siete Family Foods, a Mexican-American food company, as its General Counsel. She currently helps manage the Garza Family Foundation and is a board member for VECINA, an Austin non-profit organization that empowers immigrant justice advocates. She is active in the Hispanic National Bar Association where she serves as the Austin Deputy for Region XII and was recently appointed to serve on the HNBA's Latina Commission. She is also a co-producer for the Broadway show Real Women Have Curves that premieres in New York City in April of this year. Linda has four children who range in age from 25 to 15 years and now resides in Austin, Texas.