

Judge M. Sue Kurita

County Court at Law Number Six
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Education:

Texas Tech University School of Law J.D. December 1985
Phi Delta Phi Law Honor Fraternity, President
Completed law school in two and a half years.
2013 Outstanding Alumnus, Daniel H. Benson Public Service Award

Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, Fort Bliss Campus
M.A. in Counseling - 1981 GPA 4.0

Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California
Completion of 47 Week Basic Greek Course - April 1977
Commandant's List; Honor Graduate GPA 95.5%

University of Texas at El Paso B.A. Modern Languages - December 1975
Dean's List
Tri Delta Sorority, Chaplain
Completed degree in three and a half years

Employment:

Judge, El Paso County Court at Law # Six
February 1, 1998-present
University of Texas El Paso, Clinical Professor Business Law,
August 2016-present
Excelsior College, US Sergeant Majors Academy Campus,
Professor, September 2009 to present
Park University, Ft. Bliss Campus, Adjunct Professor
May 1995 to present
Judge, City of El Paso Municipal Court# Four
May 1988 to October 8, 1997
Presiding Judge, September 1990 to October 1997
M. Sue Kurita, Attorney at Law, sole practitioner
January 1991-January 1998
Cardone & Kurita, Attorneys at Law, partnership

January 1989 to January 1991
Hardie, Hallmark, Hardie and Langford
March 1986 to January 1989
Texas Association of Sports Officials
June 1998 to December 2001-
Officiating volleyball games at middle and high school level

Professional Associations:

Commissioner Judicial Commission on Mental Health Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals Appointee 2018-2020

Commissioner, Commission on Judicial Conduct, Texas Supreme Court appointment (2009 to 2015 term)

-Vice Chair 2014-2015

Texas Supreme Court Appointee Grievance Oversight Committee (2014-2017)

Member of American Judicial Section Center for Judicial Ethics

-Speaker, National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics 2011, 2013, 2015

Speaker, West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019

Member, El Paso Bar Association (1986 to present)

-Board of Directors (1986 to 1990)

Member, State Bar of Texas (1986 to present)

-Member Court Rules Committee (2009 to present)

-Former Member and Chair of the State Bar District 17 Grievance committee (1987 to 1994)

-Member of the State Bar Local Services Committee (1999 to 2009)

Chair 2003 to 2006

-Board of Directors, Judicial Section (2003-2006)

Member, Texas Bar Foundation (1990 to present)

Member, Mexican American Bar Association

-Board of Directors (1996-1998)

Member of the Texas Center for the Judiciary Curriculum Committee (2001 to 2005)

-Faculty member

-2012 Speaker Regional Conferences "Social Media and the Judiciary"

National Association of Women Judges (1999 to present)

-Vice President for Publications 2004-2006

-District Director 2002-2004

-NAWJ-Texas Membership Chairperson (2001-2005)

-Co-chair New Judges Committee (2005-present)

Member of the State Bar of New Mexico (1987 to present)

El Paso Legal Assistance

-Board of Directors (1986 -1990)

U.S. Delegate 2004 Latin American Judges Hague Convention, Monterrey, Mexico

American Law Institute- Member Elected September 2009

“Social Media and Judicial Ethics-Judges must be Judicious” St. Mary’s Law Journal
Legal Malpractice and Ethics, Spring 2017 Volume 7-2.

Civic Associations:

The Diocese of El Paso

-Member of the Diocese Marriage Tribunal (1987 to present)

-Member of the Diocesan School Board of Trustees (1998 to 2003)

- ACTS Mission El Paso Charter Board Member (2009-2011)

Loretto Academy

-Member Parent Association (1994 to 1998)

-Member and vice president Athletic Booster Club (1994-1998)

-Member of the Board of Trustees (1995 to 1999)

Make a Wish Foundation

-Board member (2000 to 2002)

-Wish grantor (April 2001)

Leadership El Paso Class XXI (1999)

Visiting Nurses Association

Board of Directors (1986 to 1988)

El Paso Holocaust Museum

Board of Directors 2002-2004

Thomason CEO Search Committee member 2003-2004

El Paso Child Guidance Center, Board of Directors

Awards

Texas Tech Law School Alumni Association, Daniel H. Benson Service Award 2013
Excelsior College 2015 Distinguished Faculty Award
American Board of Attorneys 2015 Outstanding Jurist
City of El Paso Conquistador Award 1997
Outstanding Loretto Academy Alumna 1999
El Paso Chief of Police Award 2000
Diocese of El Paso, Service in Education Seed Award 2001
New York Police Department Shields Association Award 2002
El Paso Bar Association 2005 "Woman Lawyer Trailblazer "
State Bar of Texas Presidential Citation 2007
Graduate of the Texas College of Judicial Studies Criminal Studies 2004
Graduate of the Texas College of Judicial Studies Civil Studies 2009

Personal

P.A.D.I. certified Scuba diver
Speaking role in movie "Down for the Barrio"
Highlighted in JoAnne Gordon's book, "The Happy 100 Women that Love Their Jobs", Ballentine Books, March 2005.
Spiritual Direction Certification-Oblate School of Theology 2008