

FLORENTINO RAMIREZ
Attorney and Counselor at Law

Personal

Born in Dallas, Texas – December 24, 1940

Professional Background

Engaged in the private practice of law since becoming licensed in Texas in December 1965 (either as proprietor of, partner or principal in, own law firm), initially as a general practitioner and since 1970 primarily in areas of law governing international trade and transactions, real estate and business operations.

Principal Areas Of Practice

Real Estate

Structures and documents commercial real estate transactions representing either buyers or sellers, including their aspects of construction and financing.

Handles governmental acquisitions of properties required for public use, whether contractually or through eminent domain proceedings.

International

Counsels clients who operate on an international scope as to their rights and duties under International Law, coordinating the applicability of the laws of the United States with those of other countries that apply to the clients' trade, real estate and commercial transactions.

Structures business entities (corporations, partnerships, joint ventures and the like) and documents commercial and real estate transactions, foreign investments, joint ventures and other international trade and commercial matters in or with Latin American countries, principally Mexico.

Advises foreign clients on their United States real estate and transactional operations and investments and the structuring and maintenance of U.S. business entities.

Commercial and Financial

Counsels clients engaged in international, interstate and Texas intrastate commerce on their rights and obligations therein; negotiates and documents their contractual relationships including matters related to their

capitalization and other financial needs. Documents all aspects of lending and secured transactions.

Governmental

Handles acquisitions of properties for a metropolitan school district whether contractually or under the authority of eminent domain and counsels on all issues involving public ownership and sale of school district properties; represents foreign governmental agencies in their contractual relations and on issues involving governmental and/ or diplomatic immunity.

Litigation

Handles litigations related to his areas of practice, and often is associated as consulting counsel to other law firms on litigations involving international and transnational issues.

Professional Recognition

Adjunct Professor of Law, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
(through 2000);

Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation;

Past Member, Contributing Faculty, Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional Privado (Mexican Academy On Private International Law);

Continuing Legal Education Lecturer on topics of private international law; and Speaker to business and trade groups.

Education

Bachelor of Business Administration: Texas A & M University (1962)

Doctor of Jurisprudence: University of Texas School of Law (1965)

Publications

Author: "The Purchase and Ownership of Mexican Real Estate", Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, July 1, 2007

Author: Legal Fact Sheets, "The Sales Representative In The United States of America", Meeting of the International Union of Commercial Agents and Brokers Legal Working Group, Torino, Italy, March 2007.

Author: "Putting Power In Your Pen: Effective Drafting Techniques-International Law ", State Bar of Texas Legal Assistants Division , State Bar Convention, Dallas, Texas, June 20, 1996

Author: "Choosing The Business Entity In Texas For Foreign Investment Ventures", State Bar of Texas Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, April 26-27,1995

Author: "Methods of State Control Exerted Over Foreign Corporations Under The Legal Concept of 'Doing Business' In The United States of America", Annual Meeting of the Academia Mexicana De Derecho Internacional Privado , 1989

Editor: With Frank W. Elliott, 11 Texas Practice (Chapter 6, Title Insurance), Texas Methods of Practice, West (1990)

Professional Admissions

State Bar of Texas (1965)

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of International Trade

United States District Court for the Western District Of Texas

Professional Affiliations

Dallas Bar Association

State Bar of Texas

Member of Sections: Real Estate, International and Taxation.