



Josefina M. Rendon

Judge Josefina Muñiz Rendón is a 1976 graduate of the University of Houston Law Center and has been a third party neutral for over 30 years as judge, arbitrator or mediator. In 2008 she was elected Judge of the 165th Civil District Court in Harris County, Texas. Prior to that she had been a Judge for the City of Houston Municipal Courts (1983-2008) and Vice-chair of the city's Civil Service Commission (1980-1983).

Rendon is past president of the Texas Association of Mediators. She mediated and/or taught negotiation for the U.S. Air Force, Army, and Navy as well as for several federal agencies until shortly before she became the Judge of the 165th. Between 1993 and 2008 Rendon mediated over 1,200 disputes predominantly in the areas of employment, family and personal injury law.

Rendon is a published author of over 100 articles and book reviews as well as a frequent speaker in the areas of conflict resolution, diversity and law. She was editor of *The Texas Mediator*, a legal columnist for *La Voz de Houston* and an editorial board member of both the *Texas Bar Journal* and *The Houston Lawyer*. Born an American citizen in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Josefina has lived in Houston, Texas for over 40 years.