



Former District Judge Rene Diaz is President and Founder of The Diaz Law Firm, PLLC, where he focuses on bilingual mediation and arbitration of civil litigation cases. With over eighteen years of civil litigation experience in state and federal courts, he handled a wide variety of cases all over the State of Texas before his appointment as Presiding Judge of the 224th District Court of Bexar County by Governor Rick Perry in 2004. Judge Diaz has achieved Martindale-Hubbell's highest Peer Review Rating (AV) for his ethical standards and legal ability and was listed in "The Scene in SA Magazine" Best Lawyers in San Antonio for 2007 and 2008.

Before becoming a judge, he served as a Texas Commissioner of the OneStar National Service Commission, the state agency that oversees AmeriCorp Volunteers as well as the Texas Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives. He also served as General Counsel for the Republican Party of Texas and currently serves on the boards of Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio and on the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center. A frequent lecturer for the State Bar of Texas and San Antonio Bar Association, he has also volunteered with the Community Justice Program and the San Antonio Young Lawyers, who awarded him the "Honorary Young Lawyer of the Year Award" as the jurist who contributed most to the professional development of the young attorneys.

Born in Virginia, Judge Diaz attended the University of Virginia for his Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and Latin American Studies and received both his Master's Degree in Public Policy and his Law Degree from Regent University. During law school he met and married Cynthia Smith Diaz, who serves as Vice-President and Deputy General Counsel at Mission City Management, Inc. They have lived in San Antonio for the last nineteen years.