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A Career of Bringing People Together
Pablo has worked hard to bring diverse lawyers with varying practice areas together in ways that are meaningful for the profession and for the public. He was the first legal services attorney to serve on the board of directors of his local bar association and the first to serve as chair of the State Bar Board of Directors. For Pablo, this recognition is not only personal but also an important achievement of understanding between the private bar and legal aid organizations. This strong conviction of bringing lawyers together to build a stronger community is one of the primary motivators of his desire to serve as State Bar President-Elect.

First Generation Lawyer
Pablo and his family immigrated to this country when he was five years old. His parents worked hard to provide for Pablo and his two siblings. His dad, a mechanic, and his mom, a nurse’s assistant, made their children’s educations a priority. Pablo was the first in his family to attend college and worked hard to achieve his goal of attending law school. Always, his goals included giving back to his community.

Pablo with his wife, Linley, who is also a legal aid lawyer, and nationally-recognized expert in the area of disaster recovery assistance.
Professional Leadership
After law school, Pablo accepted a position with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid. Amazingly, 22 years later, he continues that service. Today, in the unique role of Director of Private Bar and Government Relations, Pablo grows relationships and helps address needs in local communities. He is well respected by lawyers who contribute while balancing tremendous demands on their practices. Pablo has successfully improved understanding of what legal aid does and improved the pro bono experience for the private bar. He has a proven track record of listening and adapting while responding to needs in the community.
The Reality of Life/Practice Balance
Pablo and his wife, Linley, who is also a legal aid lawyer, have two young daughters. Pablo coaches his six year old’s soccer team, drives them both to multiple activities, and volunteers in their school. He understands the stresses of practice and how those stressors can impact relationships and families. Providing more resources to the Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program, enhancing technologies, and helping lawyers prepare for the unexpected are some of the ways that Pablo believes the State Bar of Texas can be more proactive in supporting practitioners.

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Not the Status Quo
Pablo believes that a robust State Bar is the best avenue to respond to attacks on the profession as well as to better serve practitioners. Work/Life balance, continuances for family leave, disaster preparedness, advancing disciplinary rules to address new technologies, understanding that the practice of law is no longer contained by state boundaries, and countless other issues that have and will impact the practice of law must be the purview of the State Bar of Texas. Pablo stands ready to work with all Texas lawyers to adapt to the realities of a changing world and the forces those changes bring to the practice of law.

Pablo with Paloma and Astrid who remind him that the title that matters the most is “Dad.”
A Career of Involvement
Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid
Director of Private Bar and Government Relations, (May 2018 — Present)
Group Coordinator a/k/a pro bono projects director (Jan. 2010 — May 2018)

Education
J.D., Chicago-Kent School of Law (1997)
B.A., The University of Texas — Pan American (1994)

Leadership
Texas Center for Legal Ethics Board Trustee (present)
State Bar of Texas Commission for Lawyer Discipline
Chair (2017-2018)
Member (2012-2018)
State Bar of Texas Board of Directors
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Minority Director (2008-2011)
Delegation Member — ABA Days in Washington DC (2011)
Chair - Unauthorized Practice of Law Subcommittee (2009-2010)
Co-Vice Chair — State Bar of Texas Local Bar Services Committee (2007-2008)
Council Member — State Bar of Texas Hispanic Issues Section (2006-17)
President — Texas Civil Rights Project Board of Directors (2009-2017)
President of the Board — Hidalgo County Bar Association (2007-2008)

Honors and Awards
John E. Cook Pro Bono Award — Hidalgo County Bar Association (2019)
Honorary Doctorate Degree in Education — Wheelock College (2017)
Judge Sam Williams Award — State Bar of Texas (2014)
Presidential Citation — State Bar of Texas Board of Directors (2012)
Hon. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Award — Chicago-Kent College of Law (2006)
Professionalism Award — Hidalgo County Bar Association / Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism (May 2006)
Attorney of the Year Award — Mujeres Unidas / Women Together’s Domestic Violence Shelter (2005)
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