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In private practice in Houston since his 1971 graduation, first in his class, from South Texas College of Law, David T. Lopez has litigated in state and federal courts for more than 45 years, and since 1995 has been an active mediator and arbitrator. He has litigated in a broad scope of areas, including employment, national and international commerce, joint ventures, RICO, and securities. In 2007, he was awarded the Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award by the Texas Bar Foundation. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an active member of Association of Attorney-Mediators.

His dispute resolution practice also has been extensive, serving as a mediator and arbitrator panelist for JAMS and presently for the American Arbitration Association and its international service, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. He has more than 350 hours in advanced mediation training, is active in local, state and national bar sections on dispute resolution and served as president of the Houston Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section. He has lectured on mediation at the Thurgood Marshall Law School, in Mexico, Panama, Ecuador and Peru, and in bar seminars, including the annual meeting of the Association of Attorney Mediators.

Lopez received a bachelor of journalism degree from The University of Texas, did post-graduate studies in economics in Texas and Mexico, and before admission to the bar, he was a working journalist for Texas daily newspapers and was published on special assignments by national newspapers, including the New York Times and the Associated Press.

In mediation, he stresses pre-conference preparation by the parties and encourages discussions with the parties' counsel prior to the mediation. He is well versed in the various methods in use, and works with the parties to choose that best suited for the circumstances. If resolution is not reached at the conference, he continues communication with the parties for follow-up attempts at resolution. As an arbitrator he stresses working with counsel to accomplish prompt and cost-effective resolution. Lopez is fluent in Spanish and has working knowledge of the civil law, as practiced in Latin American countries. A selected listing of his publications and additional information is available at www.lopezlawfirm.com.