

# Dick Alcalá

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## Education

**University of Houston Law Center** – Houston, TX *Juris Doctor (JD)*, 1978

**University of Texas at Austin** – Austin, TX *Bachelor of Arts in Government*, 1975

## Licensure

- State Bar of Texas, 1978

## Professional Experience

**Senior Judge** (*January 2001 – Present*)

- Preside by assignment over civil and criminal cases, including medical malpractice, real estate, construction, commercial disputes, personal injury, banking, contract, employment, consumer protection (DTPA), product liability, governmental, and family law matters.

**Arbitrator**

- Conducted **500+ arbitrations** of billing disputes between health plans and medical providers under Federal, Texas, and Virginia No Surprise Act legislation.
- Arbitrated **45 non-subscriber cases** involving personal injury and employment law since 2014.

**Mediator** (*January 2001 – Present*)

- Mediated complex disputes involving real estate, construction, commercial litigation, business torts, consumer protection, zoning, employment, workers' compensation, personal injury, premises liability, and family law.

**Special Master** (*2001 – Present*)

- Appointed by courts to oversee and conduct hearings on discovery issues in complex litigation.

## **District Judge, 340th Judicial District of Texas (*January 1989 – December 2000*)**

- Presided over civil and criminal cases involving commercial disputes, malpractice claims, personal injury, banking, contracts, construction, consumer protection, product liability, premises liability, real estate, governmental, and family law.

## **Professional Affiliations & Court Admissions**

### **Bar Memberships & Sections**

- State Bar of Texas – Judicial, Computer & Technology, and Alternative Dispute Resolution Sections
- Bexar County Bar Association (2008–2019) – ADR, Litigation, and Construction Law Sections
- El Paso County Bar Association (2002–2008, 2018–Present) – Board Member (2004–2007), Board Secretary (2006)
- Tom Green County Bar Association (1979–2000)

### **Leadership Roles**

- Board of Directors, Texas Center for the Judiciary (2007–2011)
- Chair, ADR Committee, El Paso Bar Association (2004–2005)

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

## **Presentations**

- "*Practicing Before a Visiting Judge*" – Bexar County Family Bar Association, Feb. 18, 2014
- "*Life Care Planner as Expert Witness: Pre-Trial and Trial Aspects*" – American Academy of Physician Life Care Planners, Annual Assembly, San Antonio, Apr. 12, 2018

## **Skills & Competencies**

- Arbitration & Mediation (In-Person & Remote)
- Judicial Case Management
- Complex Litigation Oversight
- Discovery Dispute Resolution
- Expertise in Federal & State Legal Procedures