

Adiós, Señora Saldaña

Beloved Financial Aid Counselor Retires

Anna María Saldaña, who has helped thousands of law students find financial aid, retires in October after thirty-five

years of service at the Law School. One of the school's first Hispanic employees, she was hired October 1, 1964 as a faculty secretary and then as an assistant to Dean Byron Fullerton. She also served for many years as the secretary for the Scholarships Committee under Dean T. J. Gibson and Professor Barbara Aldave. In that capacity, Mrs. Saldaña worked with hundreds of students in need of financial assistance. Mrs. Saldaña was responsible for the issuing of all loans and scholarships to students. She worked diligently to ensure students that their aspirations of becoming lawyers would never be interrupted because of financial hardship.

In 1990, the Law School created its own financial aid office with Mrs. Saldaña as the sole counselor for the 1,100 students on financial aid. Under her leadership, the office has grown to three counselors who process all grants, loans, and scholarships. Since the establishment of the financial aid office, she has served as the counselor for more than 6,000 law students. Throughout her career, she has

served as mentor, assistant, guide, friend, counselor and advisor to thousands of students, many of whom credit her with getting them through school. As one of her daughters has commented, even with ten children of her own, Mrs. Saldaña always had room to help more young people. Thousands of law students have benefited from her generous spirit and from her unflagging commitment to their welfare.

Mrs. Saldaña has been honored by almost every student organization. She has been named by the student body as the honoree for Law Week and has been given a lifetime honorary membership in both the Chicano Hispanic Law Students

Association and in the Thurgood Marshall Legal Society.

Mrs. Saldaña (nee Anna María Herrera), her two sisters and three brothers were born in Dallas after her parents emigrated from Mexico to Texas. Her father worked at the Driskill Hotel and eventually was appointed head chef.

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Her mother, despite having no formal education, taught herself to read and write English. Her commitment to education and to continuous learning was well inculcated in her children. Afraid that their sister Anna María would have to drop out of high school to find work, older sisters Mary and Felicitas chose instead to support her while she completed her education. Their support and dedication of her educational goals have been repaid ten-fold by Anna María's commitment to the educational goals of those Texans who seek a legal education from the state's flagship law school.

Anna María has been married to Moses P.



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Saldaña, Sr. for forty-two years. They have ten children: Pamela A. Jentz, Deborah M. Hernandez, Ernestine Camarillo, Moses P. Saldaña, Jr., Jacqueline Saldaña, Mark P. Saldaña, AnaMaria Lawrence, Michael P.

Saldaña, Mario P. Saldaña and Mia Saldaña-Boyer, as well as seven children-in-law: Gary Jentz, Robert Hernandez, Charles Camarillo, Evelyn Saldaña, Kim Saldaña, John Lawrence and Randy Boyer. They also have thirteen grandchildren: Javier Salas, MariCarmen Salas, Esteban Salas, Emily Jentz, Stephanie Camarillo, Joseph Camarillo, Michelle Camarillo, Moses P. Saldaña, III, Sara Saldaña, Mark P. Saldaña, Jr., Staci Saldaña, Matthew Lawrence and Jacob Boyer.

Anna María and Moses were actively involved in their children’s activities at school. Over the years, she has served the PTA as Vice President and as Treasurer.

Mrs. Saldaña has been a member of San Jose Catholic Church for more than forty-two years. She serves her church as reader, lector, Eucharistic minister and member of the choir. It is rumored that the only person more excited about her retirement than herself is the pastor, Father Kirby, who is planning more volunteer opportunities for her. Mrs. Saldaña has always acknowledged that her greatest strength is her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who has sustained her and given her strength through her years as a wife, mother, and employee of the Law School.

And, her world-famous salsa is reputed to be the best in the state of Texas. ★

Alumni Start Scholarship to Recognize Her Service

In recognition of Mrs. Saldana’s faithful and selfless service to generations of law students, a group of alumni has begun an effort to create an Endowed Presidential Scholarship (\$50,000) in her name. Texas State Representative **Pete Gallego, 1985**, and **Colonel Robert Gonzales, 1971**, who co-chair the drive, invite alumni to contribute to the new endowment.

“An Endowed Presidential Scholarship will serve as a tangible tribute to her unyielding commitment and provide a true legacy of her compassion to future generations of Texas law students,” the two alumni wrote.

If you would like to contribute or make a pledge, please send it to the Law School Foundation, PO Box 149090, Austin, TX 78714-9090. If you have questions, contact Juan Zabala, Law School Foundation Executive Director, at (512) 232-1118 or send an email to LawAlumni@mail.law.utexas.edu.

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September 9-10, 1999 · Austin

Legal Writing Seminar

September 16-17, 1999 · Austin

8th Annual Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference

September 17, 1999 · Houston

33rd Annual William W. Gibson, Jr., Mortgage Lending Institute

September 23-24, 1999 · Austin

October 14-15, 1999 · Houston

23rd Annual Conference on Immigration and Nationality Law

September 30 and October 1, 1999 · San Antonio

4th Annual Insurance Law Conference

October 7-8, 1999 · Dallas

23rd Annual Page Keeton Products Liability and Personal Injury Law Conference

October 21-22, 1999 · Austin

5th Biannual Parker C. Fielder Oil and Gas Tax Conference

October 28-29, 1999 · Houston

47th Annual Taxation Conference

November 3-5, 1999 · Austin

4th Annual Advanced Patent Law Institute

November 11-12, 1999 · Austin

18th Annual Bankruptcy Conference

November 18-19, 1999 · Austin

The Jury Trial—Fundamentals from Voir Dire to Final Argument

December 2, 1999 · Dallas

11th Annual Conference on the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act

December 9-10, 1999 · San Antonio

17th Annual Nonprofit Organizations Institute

January 27-28, 2000 · Houston



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