

Juvie Cruz Cardenas, Special Counsel

Overview



Juvie Cruz Cardenas is an efficient, proactive, and hardworking attorney and legal strategist with more than 12 years of civil litigation experience in state and federal courts. She is Special Counsel at the firm's Houston office and has represented a wide array of clients including, but not limited to, Fortune 500 companies, small

businesses, and individuals. She understands the importance of evaluating a case early and identifying a client's goals in preparing a cost-effective strategy to achieve an optimal outcome. She believes that the keystones to effective and efficient case management are maintaining an astute knowledge of the facts and law; working closely and communicating timely with the client, and being prepared. As a result, Juvie has frequently achieved optimal outcomes for her clients.

Juvie's practice areas include premises liability; personal injury; third and first-party insurance defense; wind/hail property damage (residential and commercial); construction disputes; Jones Act and general maritime law; commercial litigation; and general civil litigation matters. She is also a Guardian Ad Litem for the 165th Harris County Judicial District Court.

Outside of law and her spending time with her family, Juvie enjoys volunteering with local and international non-profit organizations. She has a specific interest in organizations that empower those living in poverty or provide mentorship, education, and/or career opportunities to youth and women. Under her two-year tenure as President of the Filipino Young Professionals of Houston ("FYP"), she led a team of professionals and community leaders towards accomplishing many goals such as raising funds for academic scholarships for students, providing local and international natural disaster relief, and building homes for families living in poverty. FYP received approval of its 501(c)3 non-profit status and was recognized on numerous occasions by the U.S. Congress and the Texas Senate during her administration. She currently serves as the Regional Governor of the Southwest Region for the National Filipino American Lawyers Association and is an active member of the Houston Insurance Professionals.

Her outstanding performance and character have been commemorated with several awards and nominations including:

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Practices

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Litigation
Maritime & Admiralty
Premises Liability
Construction

Industries

Insurance
Maritime & Admiralty
Construction

- Federation of Insurance Women of Texas, Inc.'s Community Service Award (Nominee, 2020)
- The Leader's Top 30 Under 40 Leaders (Recipient, 2017)
- St. Mary's University School of Law 10 Under 10 Exceptional Alumni (Recipient, 2017)
- Woodrow Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston Award (Nominee, 2011)
- Pro Bono Achievement Award (Recipient, 2007)
- St. Mary's Marianist Leader in the Community Award (Recipient, 2007)
- Student Bar Association's 3L of the Year Award (Recipient, 2007)
- Retired Chief Justice Alma Lopez Women's Leadership Award (Nominee, 2007)
- Dean Leadership Award (Recipient, 2006)

Juvie is fluent in conversational Tagalog (a Filipino dialect).

Education

- St. Mary's University School of Law
- University of British Columbia

Admissions

- Texas
- All U.S. District Courts of Texas

Associations

- State Bar of Texas
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- National Filipino American Lawyers Association (2021 Regional Governor)
- Texas Filipino American Bar Association
- Asian American Bar Association of Houston (2011 and 2010 VP of Development, 2009 Treasurer)
- Federation of Insurance Women of Texas, Inc.
- Houston Insurance Professionals
- Houston Claims Association
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Filipino Young Professionals of Houston (2015 and 2014 President)
- American Society of Safety Engineers, Gulf Coast Division (former member)
- Delta Gamma Alumna