

# Judge Dena Hanovice Palermo

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## JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

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### **United States District Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston Division**

- United States Magistrate Judge, March 2016 – Present
- Law Clerk for Chief Judge John V. Singleton, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, August 1983-1985

## PRIVATE PRACTICE

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- **Andrews Kurth**  
Co-Chair White Collar Crime & Securities Enforcement Practice, June 2015 – March 2016  
Partner, 2010 – March 2016  
Counsel, April 2008 – December 2009
- **Mayer Brown**  
Counsel, February 2003 – April 2008
- **Vinson & Elkins**  
Partner, 1992-1994  
Associate, October 1985 – December 1991

## COURT APPOINTMENTS

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- Fifth Circuit Judicial Council – Magistrate Judge Observer (2020-2022)
- Southern District of Texas – Facilities Security Committee (2016-present)
- Southern District of Texas – Security Committee (2023-present)
- Southern District of Texas – Co-Vice Chair of the CJA Panel Committee (2020-present)
- Southern District of Texas – Chair of Summer Intern and Law Clerk Reception (2022-current), Co-Chair (2019-2021)
- Southern District of Texas – Bench Bar Committee (2022)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Federal Magistrate Judges Association – Title Committee, Co-Chair (2022-2023), Chair (2020-2022), Member (2019-2021)
- Federal Magistrate Judge Association – Security Committee (2020-2021)
- Federal Magistrate Judges Association – Editor, Federal Magistrate Judges Bulletin (2016-2021)
- Federal Bar Association, Judicial Liaison (2021-present)
- Co-Chair, Houston Bar Association Bench Bar Committee, April 2024
- Volunteer Prosecutor, City of Houston, 2009-2010
- District 4 Nominating Committee, Texas Bar Foundation, 2005-2011
- Houston Bar Assn. Gender Fairness Committee, 2004-2010
  - Co-Chair, HBA Gender Fairness Committee, 2007-2008

- Co-Chair Programming Committee, HBA's Woman Lawyer's Guide to Effective Communication, Mentoring and Rainmaking, April 2005
- HBA Professionalism Committee, 2009-2010
- Chair, Women's Initiative, Mayer Brown's Houston Office, 2007
- Director, Houston Bar Association, May 1993-1995
  - Founder, HBA Mentoring Program 1993
  - Chair, Mentor Subcommittee of the HBA Professionalism Committee, 1993-1995
  - Co-Chair, HBA LegalLine Committee 1994-1995
- Director, Association of Women Attorneys, 1993-1995
  - Chair, AWA Judicial Reception Committee 1994-1995
  - Co-Chair, AWA Charity Softball Game 1993
- Trustee, Association of Women Attorneys Foundation, May 1993-1995
  - Co-Chair AWA Foundation Tribute to Women Judges of Harris County 1994
- South Texas College of Law, Women's Forum, Volunteer Mentor 1991-1994

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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- SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
- STATE BAR OF TEXAS (1985)
- STATE BAR OF NEW YORK (1984)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
- TEXAS BAR ASSOCIATION, LIFE FELLOW
- HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION, LIFE FELLOW
- COLLEGE OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS
- STATE BAR OF TEXAS PRO BONO COLLEGE, 2012

## **EDUCATION**

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- **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
J.D. 1983, *magna cum laude & Distinguished Scholar*  
Note & Case Editor, BULS Law Review
- **BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT**  
B.S. Accounting 1980  
PRESIDENT, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDENT GOVERNMENT