



Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

Appointing Office	Ivan Niño, District 5
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	12/02/25
Name of Board	Historic Landmark Commission
Agenda Posting Language	
Appointment of Marlene Gonzalez to the Historic Landmark Commission by Representative Ivan Niño, District 5.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
To contribute my experience, community involvement, and commitment to preserving El Paso's rich cultural heritage by serving on the City of El Paso Historical Commission. I aim to support the protection, documentation, and celebration of our city's historic places, stories, and traditions while promoting public engagement and appreciation for El Paso's unique history.	
Nominee Name	Marlene Gonzalez
Nominee Email Address	
Nominee Residential Address	
Nominee Primary Phone Number	
Residing District	District 6
City Employed Relatives	N/A
Board Membership	
MCAAB- October 01, 2021-October 01, 2025	
Real estate owned in El Paso County	
N/A	
Previous Appointee	Isabel Otten
Reason for Vacancy	Term Expired
Date of Appointment	12/02/25
Term Begins On	03/13/25
Term Expires On	03/13/27
Term	First Term

MARLENE GONZALEZ

388TH DISTRICT COURT FAMILY JUDGE - COMMUNITY LEADER

PROFILE

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SKILLS

Platform expertise
Content creation
Analytics
Communication
Creativity
Strategic thinking

EDUCATION

Interamerican University of
Puerto Rico
May 1980
Master Arts Labor Relations
Cum Laude

Interamerican University of
Puerto Rico Law School
May 1978
Doctor of Jurisprudence

University of Puerto Rico
June 1975
BA Faculty of Humanities
BA Arts
Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

District Family Judge
State of Texas – 388th District Court

2021-To Present

Associate Municipal Court Judge (part time position)
City of El Paso, Texas
December 2003 – June 2020

El Paso Municipal Court Prosecutor (part time position)
City of El Paso
September 1993-December 2003

Solo Practitioner
Family, Probate and Immigration Law
May 1994-December 2020

El Paso County Attorney Office
Protective Order Prosecutor Unit
Nov. 1988-June 1994

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW

United States of America Supreme Court United States
Western District of Texas
United States of America Supreme Court of Texas
United States of America Court of Appeals for the
First Circuit United States of America District Court of
Puerto Rico

HISTORIC PRESERVATION & RESTORATION EXPERIENCE

Restoration of Circa-1897 Structure
– 912 Magoffin Ave., El Paso, Texas

Led a full bottom-up restoration of a circa-1897 historic property located within the Magoffin Historic District. This long-term project provided hands-on experience with multiple aspects of historic renovation while maintaining the architectural integrity and historical value of the structure.

- Gained extensive experience in renovation practices that honor original design, materials, and craftsmanship.
- Worked closely with structural guidelines to ensure that all improvements complied with historic preservation standards.
- Utilized historic materials where available and appropriate, while selectively incorporating modern materials only when necessary to preserve the building's stability and authenticity.
- Ensured that all restoration decisions aligned with best practices for conserving historic structures.

Historic Designations & Recognition

- In 2000, successfully submitted 912 Magoffin Ave. for formal recognition and registration with the U.S. Department of the Interior, resulting in its listing on the National Register of Historic Places for the State of Texas.
- Received acknowledgment from the El Paso Preservation

Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Management

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Junior League of El Paso
LULAC
Former City of El Paso MCAD Board
State Bar of Texas
Puerto Rico Bar Association
College of The State Bar of Texas
El Paso Bar Association
Pro Bono College of the State of Texas

LANGUAGES

Spanish and English

REFERENCES

Available upon request

Alliance for outstanding historic restoration efforts on the property.

- In 2025, the Texas Historical Commission awarded the property local historic recognition. A historical marker and plaque are currently in progress.

- Through extensive historical research, it was confirmed that the home was built circa 1895 by John A. Spellicy, and later owned by Michael Connerton (b. 1848), an Irish immigrant, miner, and real estate agent. Connerton and his family were notable community contributors, donating over \$20,000 in 1914 to the construction of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and providing financial support to both the El Paso orphanage and Hotel Dieu Hospital.

- The historic marker will be titled "Connerton House" to reflect these findings and honor the property's documented history.