



Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

Appointing Office	Mayor Renard U. Johnson
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	04/29/25
Name of Board	Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 5
Agenda Posting Language	
Appointment of Michelle Esparza to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 5 by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
Please see resume attached.	
Nominee Name	Michelle Esparza
Nominee Email Address	
Nominee Residential Address	
Nominee Primary Phone Number	
Residing District	District 1
City Employed Relatives	N/A
Board Membership	
Committee on Border Relations (June 01, 2022, to May 31, 2024)	
Real estate owned in El Paso County	
Previous Appointee	Justin Underwood
Reason for Vacancy	Term Expired
Date of Appointment	04/29/25
Term Begins On	03/19/25
Term Expires On	03/18/27
Term	First Term



Michelle D. Esparza

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate

Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights

International Law

Trial

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Moritz
College of Law, J.D., 2019

University of Texas at El Paso, B.A. in
Economics, 2016

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Texas, 2019

U.S. District Court, Western District of
Texas

U.S. District Court, Northern District of
Texas

U.S. District Court, Southern District of
Texas

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of
Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

Michelle D. Esparza is a partner in the firm's Trial Department. The focus of her practice is business and commercial litigation, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, and appeals.

Michelle has represented clients in all stages of litigation before trial, bankruptcy, appellate, and alternative resolution tribunals, including in breach of contract actions, breach of fiduciary duty actions, partnership and shareholder disputes, unfair and deceptive trade practices litigation, fraud actions, derivative actions, debtor and creditor actions, and construction litigation.

She received her Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University and Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from the University of Texas at El Paso. Michelle has been recognized as a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer Rising Star, which recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys across the state.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- El Paso Bar Association, 2019-Present
- YWCA Foundation Board of Directors - 2024-Present
- George A. McAlmon American Inn of Court, 2024
- UTEP Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2020-2023
- City of El Paso's Committee on Border Relations, 2021-2022
- Panelist for UTEP's 35 Under 35, Alumni in Law, 2021