

# EDWARD CANTU

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## EDUCATION

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW**

Juris Doctorate, May 2006

- *Texas Business Law Journal*, Staff Editor, 2004 – 2005
- *American Journal of Criminal Law*, Staff Editor, Spring 2004  
One of only several first-year law students invited to serve on a journal
- ABA Judicial Clerkship Program, Salt Lake City, UT, Spring 2005  
One of only four minority law students (out of a class of over 450 students) sponsored to meet with judges to discuss clerkship opportunities.
- Competition Awards:
  - *National Semifinalist*, C. B. Motley National Moot Court Competition, 2006  
Served as coach, competitor and sole brief writer for the University of Texas team
  - *Regional Champion*, G. S. Rich Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition, 2005
  - *Champion*, Susman Godfrey Moot Court Competition (Intramural), 2005  
Competed alone and defeated a team of two prior interscholastic national champions
  - *Champion*, Gibbs & Bruns Moot Court Competition (Intramural), 2005
  - *Champion*, Vial Hamilton Advanced Mock Trial Tournament (Intramural), 2005
  - *Champion*, Gardere Mock Trial Tournament (Intramural), 2005

### **TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

BA in History, Minor in Psychology, August 2000

## CLERKSHIPS

**HON. JENNIFER WALKER ELROD**, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
*Law Clerk*, 2007 – 2008

**HON. MICAELA ALVAREZ**, United States District Court, Southern District of Texas  
*Law Clerk*, 2006 – 2007

## TEACHING & PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

### **LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE OF LAW**

*Westerfield Fellow*, 2011 – 2012

Teach Appellate Advocacy and Legal Research & Writing to first-year law students.

### **SOLO PRACTITIONER/WRITING SABBATICAL**, 2009 – 2011

Focused primarily on representation of clients before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and on development of scholarship.

### **SUTHERLAND, ASBILL & BRENNAN LLP**

*Litigation/Appellate Associate*, Houston Office, 2008 – 2009

Departed in August 2009 to focus on scholarship, public interest litigation work and pursuit of a

teaching position. Primary author of numerous dispositive trial motions and appellate briefs; primary research attorney in firm's Houston office; significant contributor to the crafting of legal strategy for various types of civil cases, including civil rights, intellectual property and energy disputes.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Separation of Powers and Subconstitutionalism* (in progress)
- *Posner's Pragmatism and the Turn Toward Fidelity*, 16 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (2011) (forthcoming)  
Available through SSRN (<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1653590>)  
Has been listed as one of the top 10 most downloaded papers on SSRN's Law & Psychology eJournal
- *No Good Deed Goes Unpublished: Precedent-Stripping and the Need for a New Prophylactic Rule*, 48 DUQ. L. REV. 559 (2010) (Multiple publication offers received)

## **OTHER WORKS**

- *The Illusion of Doctrinal Subsidiarity: A Response to Roderick Hills' Two Concepts of "the Economic" in Constitutional Law: The Underlying Unity of Due Process and Federalism Jurisprudence* (unpublished by author's choice)
- *2008 Fifth Circuit Update*, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on State and Federal Appeals (CLE) (published but no "citation" available; copy will be provided upon request)  
Sole author of manual designed to keep experienced appellate and trial practitioners abreast of important Fifth Circuit decisions between June 2007 and May 2008.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas; State of Texas

## **OTHER**

- **EMERGING LEGAL SCHOLARS INITIATIVE (ELSI)**  
*Grant Recipient*, 2010  
Sponsored by The University of Denver Sturm College of Law to attend the Third National People of Color Junior Faculty Development Workshop and Legal Scholarship Conference in Newark, New Jersey.
- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA) PANEL MEMBER**  
Selected by federal judges to represent criminal defendants before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.