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### **Giana Ortiz**

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Giana practices employee-side school law and general litigation, in Arlington with her father, Daniel Ortiz. Before attending law school, Giana received her Bachelors of Science degree in Applied Learning and Development from the University of Texas in Austin, focusing on bilingual elementary education. She taught bilingual kindergarten and third grade in Galveston ISD.

She began her practice at Weil in the Houston and Dallas offices where she handled federal- and state-court litigation and arbitration. She was actively involved in recruiting and mentoring at Weil and later, Giana practiced litigation at Sidley Austin LLP in Dallas.

Giana finished law school at the University of Houston Law Center as Senior Articles Editor of the Houston Law Review. During law school, she worked as an intern for the First Court of Appeals in Houston, Texas and as a summer associate for Haynes & Boone (Dallas and Houston) and for Weil, Gotshal, & Manges (Dallas). Following law school, Giana served as law clerk to the Honorable Judge Jorge Solis of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas.

Giana is the vice chair of the State Bar of Texas Court Rules Committee. She is an active member of the Board of Directors for CASA Tarrant County and of the Tarrant County Bar Association Diversity Committee. She is a member of the 2009-2010 State Bar of Texas Leadership Class. Other former appointments and memberships include the State Bar of Texas's Texas Minority Council Program, Houston Bar Association Gender Fairness Committee, Dallas Diversity Task Force, Tarrant County Women Attorneys Section board, and Houston Law Review Diversity Initiative.

Giana is a frequent writer and presenter on ethics, general and employment litigation, and technology issues.

Giana has two daughters, Lydia (8) and Genevieve (6).