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Standard Introduction
The Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales
Counsel to the President

Justice Al Gonzales was commissioned as Counsel to the President in January of 2001. Prior to his service in the White House, Justice Gonzales sat on the Supreme Court of Texas. Before his appointment to the Supreme Court by then Governor Bush, Justice Gonzales served as the 100th Secretary of State of Texas.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary of State, Justice Gonzales served as General Counsel to Governor Bush for three years. Before joining the Governor's staff, Justice Gonzales was a partner with the law firm of Vinson & Elkins in Houston, Texas.

Justice Gonzales was born in San Antonio, Texas and raised in Houston. He is a graduate of Texas public schools, Rice University, and Harvard Law School. Justice Gonzales is an Air Force veteran, and he attended the United States Air Force Academy.

Among his many professional and civic activities, Justice Gonzales served as a board director for the State Bar of Texas, President of the Houston Hispanic Bar Association and President of Leadership Houston. He was chosen as one of the Five Outstanding Young Texans by the Texas Jaycees in 1994 and as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas by the Texas Young Lawyers Association in 1992.



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PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Counsel to President George W. Bush, January 2001 to present
Justice, The Supreme Court of Texas, January 1999 to December 2000
Secretary of State, State of Texas, December 1997 to January 1999
General Counsel to Governor George W. Bush, January 1995 to December 1997
Partner, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Houston, Texas
(Joined firm in June 1982 as an associate and resigned partnership in January 1995)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, J.D., 1982
Rice University, Houston, Texas, B.A., 1979
United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1975 to 1977

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Member, The American Law Institute, 1999 to present
Trustee, Texas Bar Foundation, 1996 to 1999
Member, Texas Judicial Districts Board, 1996 to 1997
Director, State Bar of Texas, 1991 to 1994
Director, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast, 1993 to 1994
President, Leadership Houston, 1993 to 1994
Chair, Commission for District Decentralization of the Houston Independent School District, 1994
Chairman, Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Harris County, 1992 to 1993
President, Houston Hispanic Bar Association, 1990 to 1991
President, Houston Hispanic Forum, 1990 to 1991
Chair, Advisory Committee of the Texas Real Estate Center, 1989 to 1990
Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Houston, Texas, 1985 to 1991
Director, Catholic Charities, Houston, Texas, 1989 to 1993
Special Legal Counsel, Houston Host Committee, 1990 Summit of Industrialized Nations

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AWARDS

Outstanding Achievement Award, 2000, Texas League of United Latin American Citizens
Texas Leader, 1999, Leadership Houston
Latino Lawyer of the Year, 1999, Hispanic National Bar Association
100 Most Influential Hispanics, 1999 and 2001, *Hispanic Business*
Presidential Citation, 1997, State Bar of Texas
One of Five Outstanding Young Texans, 1994, Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce
One of Five Outstanding Young Houstonians, 1994, Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce
Commitment to Leadership Award, 1993, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast
Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas, 1992, Texas Young Lawyers Association
Woodrow Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer, 1992, Houston Young Lawyers Association
Hispanic Salute, 1989, Houston Metro Ford Dealers and Ford Division, Ford Motor Company
President's Award, 1989, Houston Bar Association

PERSONAL

Date and Place of Birth: P6/b(6) San Antonio, Texas
Military Service: U.S. Air Force, 1973 to 1975
Spouse: Rebecca Turner Gonzales