

## **Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.**

Ricardo P. Rodriguez, Jr. is an active and engaged young Edinburg native with an impressive and extensive track record of public service to his community. Rodriguez was elected to the office of Hidalgo County District Attorney in 2014.

Rodriguez, a former migrant worker, was born to a 16-year-old mother and 17-year-old father, and lived much of his childhood traveling across the state and country to work in the fields. He knew from an early age, the meaning of hard work. Yet, supported by his parents, Rodriguez was determined to excel. He attended and graduated from Edinburg High School in 1990, where he excelled as a scholar and an athlete. He received an Academic and Athletic Scholarship to the University of Texas at San Antonio where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration – Accounting from the University of Texas-San Antonio in 1995.

Rodriguez continued on to pursue a legal education, and received his Juris Doctorate degree from Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1999. He established his own private practice and was admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas.

In 2002, Rodriguez began his career as an elected public servant, serving two terms as Council Member for the City of Edinburg from 2002-2005. In 2006, Rodriguez won a special election to preside over the 92nd District Court for a two-year term, and subsequently was re-elected to the office in 2008 for an additional four-year term. In 2012, Rodriguez ran unopposed and was re-elected for yet another four-year term, where he served until stepping down in 2013 and was elected into office as District Attorney in 2014.

Rodriguez has a long history of service to his community. He has served as a member on the All-American 10K Run for the City of Edinburg, and was also a member of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. Rodriguez strongly believes in providing opportunities for educational advancement, and, as such, was co-creator of the Nicholas and Lucia Palacios Scholarship for Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Ricardo P. Rodriguez is the son of Ricardo Rodriguez and Olga Palacios Rodriguez of Edinburg. He is a devoted husband to Deyanira Medina Rodriguez, and they are proud parents to three wonderful children: Ricardo III, Nadia and Sofia, products of Edinburg Consolidated School District. The Rodriguez family resides in Edinburg, Texas, and attends Holy Family Catholic Church.