



**Vilma S. Martinez**

Vilma Martinez joined Munger, Tolles & Olson as a partner in 1982. She received her B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1964, and her LL.B. from Columbia Law School in 1967. Before joining the law firm, Ms. Martinez served as President and General Counsel of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) for nine years. Prior to that, she was a litigation associate at New York's Cahill, Gordon & Reindel. She started her career as a staff attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in 1967.

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Chair of the University of California Board of Regents from 1984-1986, she was a member of that board from 1976-1990. Ms. Martinez previously chaired the Pacific Council's Study Group on Mexico and served on the advisory boards of Columbia Law School and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California.

For her achievements, Ms. Martinez has been awarded the American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Award; the Medal for Excellence, Columbia Law School; the Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of Texas; the Lex Award, Mexican-American Bar Association; the Valerie Kantor Award for Extraordinary Achievement, MALDEF; University Medal of Excellence, Columbia University; John D. Rockefeller III Youth Award, Rockefeller Foundation; and the Jefferson Award, American Institute for Public Service. She holds an Honorary Doctor of Letters from the California School of Professional Psychology and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Amherst College. She also has received a John Hay Whitney Fellowship.