

My Name is Yahaira (ya-hi-duh) De Lara and I am a commercial real estate attorney at Barton Benson Jones PLLC. I am a proud first-generation attorney, born in Aguascalientes Mexico and raised in Austin Texas.

I am a native Spanish speaker and active member of the Hispanic National Bar Association and the Mexican American Bar Association of San Antonio ("MABA"). I currently serve as a Board Member of MABA, and I am on the scholarship committee and the Pachanga committee, where my colleagues and I review scholarship applications and put together events in order to raise additional funds for students in our local community. I also serve as a council member for the International Section of the Texas State Bar and am actively involved in the Real Estate Council of San Antonio and the Urban Land Institute.

This year I participated as a mentor in St Mary's Law School mentor circles and was selected as a San Antonio Magazine, and Super Lawyers Rising Star, as well as Scene in SA Best Lawyer.

When my work schedule allows and I am not working on a DIY project around my home, I attend SAYLA happy hour and wellness events. If selected to be a member of the SAYLA board, I would work on mentorship initiatives and educational opportunities for our first generation membership.