

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Updated 04/15/2017)

2013-Present

79th Judicial District Attorney's Office

Jim Wells and Brooks Counties, Texas

District Attorney. Duties include the administration of 16 full-time employees including five prosecutors, four investigators, seven legal assistants and one crime victim's coordinator along with a combined budgets of over one million dollars (which includes the general revenue budgets approved by each county, the asset forfeiture budget, and the various grants administered by the District Attorney). The District Attorney is the representative of the State of Texas and is responsible for the administration of justice. The responsibilities of the District Attorney include: felony prosecution, grand jury case presentation, appellate and post-conviction remedies, probation revocation proceedings, juvenile prosecution, Chapter 59 forfeiture proceedings, legal research, and governmental civil practice.

2008-2012

Kleberg and Kenedy Counties' District Attorney's Office

Assistant District Attorney. Primary duties are Chapter 59 asset forfeiture proceedings, felony prosecution, grand jury case presentation, trials (jury and non-jury), appellate and post-conviction procedures, and probation revocation proceedings.

1997-2008

79th Judicial District Attorney's Office

Jim Wells and Brooks Counties, Texas

Assistant District Attorney. Duties include felony prosecution, grand jury case presentation, appellate and post-conviction remedies, probation revocation proceedings, juvenile prosecution, Chapter 59 forfeiture proceedings, legal research, preparation and presentation of Child Protective Services cases and governmental civil practice. Law Enforcement/SWAT liaison and Chief/Managing Prosecutor for Brooks County, Texas.

2009-2012

Kleberg County Attorney's Office

Kleberg County, Texas

Assistant County Attorney. Sworn in by Kleberg County Attorney, Delma Rios-Salazar, to assist her office with cases where a scheduling conflict may

arise. Duties included misdemeanor prosecution, preparation and presentation of protective orders, preparation and presentation of mental commitment cases, prosecution of juvenile cases and governmental civil practice.

1998-2008

Brooks County Attorney's Office
Brooks County, Texas

Assistant County Attorney. Sworn in by Brooks County Attorney, David T. Garcia, to assist his office with cases where a scheduling conflict may arise. Duties included misdemeanor prosecution, preparation and presentation of protective orders, preparation and presentation of mental commitment cases, prosecution of juvenile cases and governmental civil practice.

1997-1998

Jim Wells County Attorney's Office
Jim Wells County, Texas

Assistant County Attorney. Sworn in by Jim Wells County Attorney, Jesusa Sanchez-Vera, to temporarily replace her permanent Assistant County Attorney. Duties included misdemeanor prosecution, preparation and presentation of protective orders, preparation and presentation of mental commitment cases and governmental civil practice.

1995-2012

Law Offices of Carlos Omar Garcia
Alice, Texas

Attorney. Areas of practice include: Family Law, Appellate Law, Estates and Probate Law, Civil Litigation, Juvenile Law (before May 1997) and Criminal Law (before May 1997). Mediator practicing in both civil and family law cases.

Spring 1995

Mediation Clinic,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law,
Houston, Texas

Legal intern. Duties included acting as a negotiator or a mediator for clients referred to the clinic by Gulf Coast Legal Foundation.

Professional Experience

- Over 7,500 Criminal Cases handled as a Prosecutor and/or supervising prosecutor. Prosecutors supervised: Lee Persohn, Joe Mike Pena, Tom Turner, Albert Byington, and Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles.
- Over 6,000 Criminal Cases personally handled as a Prosecutor throughout the following jurisdictions: Jim Wells, Brooks, Kleberg, and Kenedy Counties. The Range of Offenses includes: Non-Death Penalty Capital Cases; First, Second, and Third Degree Felonies; and Class A and B Misdemeanor cases.
- Over 300 Cases handled as a Criminal Defense Attorney throughout the following jurisdictions: Jim Wells, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kleberg, Nueces, Live Oak and San Patricio Counties. The Range of Offenses includes: First, Second, and Third Degree Felonies; and Class A, B and C Misdemeanor cases.
- Over 150 Juvenile Cases handled as a Prosecutor and over 50 as a Defense Attorney.
- Worked with 70 different Grand Jury Panels over the past 18 years of prosecution and presented cases at over 300 Grand Jury Sessions.
- Trial experience
 - Over 25 Criminal Jury Trials
 - More than 15 jury trials as lead trial attorney
 - More than 10 cases as second chair
 - Over 75 Criminal Jury Trials in a non-trial attorney status
 - Over 200 Non-Jury Trials
- Capital Murder (non-death penalty) trial experience– 3 Jury Trials
- Appellate Experience- Over 20 Briefs
- Post-Conviction Writs- Over 100 Cases
- Experienced prosecutor in the following types of cases:
 - Child Abuse/Neglect cases (CPS)
 - Sexual Offenses (Sexual Assault, Aggravated Sexual Assault)
 - Domestic Violence (Assaults, Protective Orders)
 - Intoxication Related Crimes (DWI, Intoxication Assaults and Manslaughter cases)
 - Violent Crimes (Assaults/Aggravated Assaults, Robbery, Deadly Conduct)
 - Homicide (Capital Murder, Murder, Manslaughter, Criminally Negligent Homicide)
 - Crimes Against Children (Injury to a Child, Sexual Abuse)
 - Drug Offenses (Possession/Delivery of Marihuana and Controlled Substances)
 - Crimes Against Property (Theft, Burglaries, Criminal Mischief,

- Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Arson)
- Crimes Against a Person (Kidnapping, Human Trafficking)
- White Collar Crimes (Fraud, Forgery, Credit Card Abuse, Embezzlement)
- Organized Crimes (Money Laundering, Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, Criminal Conspiracy, Street Gang Enhanced Crimes)
- Weapon Crimes (Unlawful Possession of Firearm, Prohibited Weapon)
- Crimes Against Public (Bribery, Tampering with Witness, Obstruction, Retaliation, Perjury, Tampering with Evidence, Tampering with Governmental Record)
- Obstructing Government Crimes (Resisting Arrest, Evading Arrest/Detention, Escape, Bail Jumping, Abuse of Official Capacity)
- Asset Forfeiture Cases (vehicles, real property, and currency)
- Specialized Crimes (Wildlife Code Crimes, Transportation Code Crimes)
- Many other crimes

Bar Admissions

- Texas Supreme Court
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals- 5th Circuit
- United States District Court- Southern District

Skills and Training

- Completed FBI Basic SWAT Training
- Trained Negotiator
- Qualified Civil and Family Mediator
- *Ad Litem* Certification 1996-2013
- Completed TDCAA Train the Trainer Course

Professional Memberships

- State Bar of Texas-Member since 1995
- Texas Bar No. 00793772
- Section membership: Criminal Justice, Family Law, Government Lawyers, Estates and Probate, Juvenile Law, and Litigation
- Texas State Bar Committee on Crime Victims- Committee Member
- Texas State Bar College- Member

- Pro Bono College of the Texas State Bar- Past Member
- National District Attorneys Association- Member
- Texas District & County Attorney's Association- Member since 1997
- Border Prosecution Unit- Member and Executive Board Member
- Border Prosecution Unit- 2015, 2016 Training Committee
- Border Prosecution Unit- 2015 Legislative Committee
- Child Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend- Board Member
- Texas Council on Family Violence- Member
- Coastal Bend Bar Association- Past Treasurer, Past Secretary, Member
- Kleberg & Kenedy Counties Bar Association- Past Member
- Corpus Christi Bar Association- Past Member

Continuing Legal Education Courses

- Over 1,100 hours of Continuing Legal Education- Over 95% related to Criminal Justice and Prosecution of both Criminal and Civil cases connected to the District Attorney's Office, including courses by the leading National and State Prosecution Organizations, the State Bar, and many others.
- National District Attorneys Association Courses
 - Crime Scenes & Investigations- 2008*
 - Prosecuting Drug Cases- 2006, 1999*
 - Evidence for Prosecutors- 2004, 2002, 2001, 2000*
 - Prosecuting Homicide Cases- 2002*
 - Prosecuting Gangs & Violent Crimes- 1999*
- Texas District & County Attorney's Association Courses
 - Investigation & Prosecution of Intoxication Manslaughter Cases-2011*
 - Border Prosecution: Prison 101- 2011*
 - Legislative Update- 2013, 2011, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 1997*
 - DWI Regional Training- 2013, 2010, 2009, 2005*
 - Criminal & Civil Law Update- 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2007, 2005, 2000, 1999*
 - Prosecutor Trial skills Course- 1997*
 - Rural Prosecutor Forum- 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011*
 - Newly Elected Prosecutor Bootcamp I- 2012*
 - Newly Elected Prosecutor Bootcamp II- 2012*
 - Elected Prosecutor Conference- 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012*
 - Statewide Summit of Missouri v. McNeely- 2013*
 - Domestic Violence Special Topic- 2016*
- Texas Attorney General
 - Money Laundering & Financial Crimes Conference- 2014*
 - Human Trafficking: Detection, Investigation, and Prosecution- 2011*

- Article 4/Foreign Prosecution and Related Issues- 2000*
Child Pornography: Investigating Internet Crimes- 1999
- Texas Bar Courses
 - Advanced Criminal Law- 2010, 200, 1998*
 - Criminal Law 101- 2010*
 - Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course- 2009*
 - Federal Court Practice- 2008*
 - 8th Annual Nuts & Bolts of Juvenile Law- 2008*
 - Special Education Issues & the Juvenile System- 2008*
 - Local Bar Leaders Conference- 2000*
 - Applying the New Rules of civil Discovery-1998*
 - Corpus Christi Bar Association Courses
 - Advanced Criminal Law Seminar- 2010, 2009, 2008, 2000*
 - Ethics Seminar- 2010, 2009*
 - Advanced Civil Law Seminar- 2009*
 - Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
 - Advanced Criminal Law Seminar- 2009, 1999*
 - Ultimate Trial Notebook- 2008*
 - Advanced DWI- 2008*
 - Defending Child Abuse Cases- 1997*
 - Criminal Trial Advocacy Institute- 1997*
 - Capital Habeas Seminar- 1997*
 - Criminal Law Skills Course- 1996*
 - Texas Council on Family Violence: Prosecutor Series
 - Family Violence Dynamics and Redefining Success in FV Cases-2014*
 - Domestic Violence and the Military- 2014*
 - Batterers Intervention and Prevention Programs- 2014*
 - 101- for Use of Expert Witnesses- 2014*
 - Firearms- 2014*
 - Protective Orders: Overview & Best Practices for Prosecutors- 2014*
 - Rural Summit on Family Violence- 2013*
 - Additional Courses related to Criminal Law
 - Summit on Domestic Violence (Nueces County)- 2014*
 - Annual Border Prosecution Unit Training- 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013*
 - Regional Border Prosecution Unit Training- 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012*
 - Southwest Border Anti-Money Laundering Alliance Training- 2013*
 - Human Trafficking Summit, presented by Sen. Van De Putte- 2010*
 - Defending a Federal Criminal Case, Federal Public Defender- 2009, 2008*

Crimes Against Children Conf., Dallas Children's Advocacy Center-
2009
Habeas Issues, Center for American and International Law- 2008
Forensics/Confessions, Center for American and International Law-
2008
The Absolute Criminal Litigators Conference, PESI Law- 2003
Criminal Justice Advocacy Institute, University of Texas Law School-
1998
Preparing for a Criminal Trial, Thurgood Marshall school of Law- 1997
Alcohol as a Mitigating Factor in Criminal, American Bar Assoc.- 1997
DWI: A Day with America's Best, Texas Courtroom Publications- 1997
Juvenile Justice, American Bar Assoc.- 1996
Criminal Law Seminar, Criminal Law Institute- 1996
Bail Bond Law Course, Professional Bondsmen of Texas- 2008, 2001
Asset Forfeiture Seminar, Texas Police Association- 1999, 2011
Sex Laws & Cyberspace, U.S. Customs-Dept. of Treasury- 1997

Continuing Education Courses Taught or Sponsored by

• Carlos Omar has been involved in the regional training offered to area prosecutors and law enforcement officers. Carlos Omar has participated as both an instructor and as a sponsor. The courses include:

Kleberg County Sheriff's Academy- 2009-2012

Instructor/lecturer on Search Warrants, Report Writing, Courtroom Testimony, and Criminal Justice

Alice Police Department's School Safety Officer Training- 2013

Instructor/lecturer along with 1st Asst. Dist. Attorney L. Persohn on Arrest & Search Warrants, Report Writing, and Criminal Justice. Sponsored the DA Crime Victim's Coordinator in a presentation on Victim's services.

Jim Wells County Sheriff's Office- 2013

Instructor/lecturer on Michael Morton Act requirements.

Alice High School- 2014

Instructor/lecturer on Mandatory Child Abuse/Neglect Laws during a joint course presented with the Women's Shelter of South Texas.

Border Prosecution Unit- 2015, 2016 Training Committee

Member of committee to develop the 2015 and 2016 regional and annual training courses for the BPU.

Law Enforcement Agencies Worked With

Carlos Omar has had the opportunity to work with hundreds of law enforcement agents and caseworkers from over forty (40) different agencies while working on the cases submitted for prosecution. The agencies include:

- Alice ISD Police Department
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- Alice Fire Department
- Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco ISD Police Department
- Brooks County Constables
- Brooks County Sheriff's Office
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- Duval County Sheriff's Department
- Falfurrias Police Department
- Falfurrias Fire Marshal-Fire Department
- FBI
- Jim Wells County Constables
- Jim Wells County Sheriff's Office
- Kenedy County Constables
- Kenedy County Sheriff's Office
- Kingsville Police Department
- Kingsville Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force
- Kleberg County Constables
- Kleberg County Sheriff's Office
- Office of Inspector General
- Orange Grove Police Department
- Premont Police Department
- San Diego Police Department
- Special Rangers of Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville Police Department
- Texas Attorney General's Office
- Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services
- Texas Department of Family & Protective Services (formerly CPS)
- Texas Department of Health
- Texas Department of Public Safety
 - Crime Lab Division
 - Criminal Investigations Division
 - Highway Patrol Division
 - Texas Ranger Division
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Texas State Fire Marshal

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Travis County Dist. Attorney's Office- Environmental Protection Unit
U.S. Attorney's Office-Southern District of Texas
U.S. Border Patrol
U.S. Customs
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Marshal Service
U.S. National Park Service
U.S. Probation & Pretrial Service Agency