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Michael A. Olivas is the William B. Bates Distinguished Chair in Law at the University of Houston (UH) Law Center and Director of the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance at UH.

He holds a B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) from the Pontifical College Josephinum, an M.A. and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

The focus of his research work is on issues of immigration, higher education and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has authored and co-authored the following titles: *The Dilemma of Access, Latino College Students, Prepaid College Tuition Programs, The Law And Higher Education: Cases And Materials on Colleges in Court. Education Law Stories, Colored Men And Hombres Aquí: Hernandez V. Texas and the Emergence of Mexican American Lawyering, Suing Alma Mater: Higher Education and the Courts, No Undocumented Child Left Behind: Plyler v. Doe and the Education of Undocumented Schoolchildren, Those Damned Immigrants: America's Hysteria over Undocumented Immigration, and In Defense of My People: Alonso S. Perales and the Development of Mexican-American Public Intellectuals*. His scholarly contribution includes participation in the editorial board of more than 20 scholarly journals. He has been selected as Outstanding Immigration Professor of the Year by the national Immigration Blog Group. In 2011, he served as President of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and in 2012 was Immediate Past President of the AALS.

Leadership roles and awards

American Law Institute and the National Academy of Education

American Bar Foundation (ABF).

General Counsel to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) (Litigation Committee and Legal Defense Fund).

Chair of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Section on Education Law and Immigration Law.

Division J's Distinguished Scholar Award

Research Achievement Award

Special Merit Award. National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA)

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) Award

AERA (American Educational Research Association) Fellow

Trustee of the College Board

Trustee of The Access Group, Inc. and the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston

Director on the MALDEF Board.

Additionally, Dr. Olivas practices as a consultant and expert witness in federal and state courts where he represents faculty, staff, and other clients.

He also hosts a regular radio show on the Albuquerque, NM, National Public Radio station KANW, "The Law of Rock and Roll," where he engages in the legal topics surrounding the lives of rock and roll artists and musicians.

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