

Juliet Kathy Stipeche

Juliet was born and raised in Houston, Texas and is the daughter of immigrant parents from Argentina and Mexico. She grew up in the diverse East End of Houston where she continues to reside today. In 1992, Ms. Stipeche graduated valedictorian of the High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and earned an academic scholarship to Rice University. Before starting college, she spent the summer participating in the YMCA's Mano-A-Mano Foreign Exchange Program where she worked for a small community near Chihuahua, Mexico. She assisted in the development of a dental health program for young children in the area.

She later graduated with a Bachelor of Arts *magna cum laude* in Political Science, Policy Studies and Religious Studies from Rice University in 1996 and was awarded the Joseph Cooper Prize as the most outstanding Policy Studies student in her graduating class. She received Rice University's Vice President's Student Appreciation Award and was selected as one of thirty-three (33) Rice students to appear in *Who's Who Among Students in American College Universities and Colleges*. During her senior year, she worked as a Student Intern for Council Member John Peavy, Jr., and prior to starting law school, she was selected as an adult advisor for the YMCA's International Exchange Program to Kyoto, Japan and attended the Hiroshima Peace Conference.

Ms. Stipeche then attended The University of Texas School of Law and was elected to the Texas Law Fellowships program where she assisted in raising funds to provide stipends for students who were interested in non-profit and public service clerkship programs. She later received her law degree in 1999 and was admitted to the Texas State Bar in 1999.

Ms. Stipeche is conversant in Spanish, is a certified mediator, and has considerable courtroom, trial and appellate experience in numerous counties throughout the State of Texas. She started practicing law in the Rio Grande Valley prior to tort reform and essentially lived at the Courthouse as a young attorney where she gained invaluable hands-on experience. Ms. Stipeche has participated in numerous jury trials and has handled several appeals. She takes pride in being a counselor, answering her clients' questions and timely addressing their concerns.

Today Ms. Stipeche is a partner at Nagorny & Stipeche, P.C., which is a certified minority-owned and operated business. She is a member of various professional organizations including the Houston Minority Business Council, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and National Hispanic Professional Organization. She enjoys mentoring young students, is active in her community in programs such as *Ya Es Hora*, and is a member of the Idylwood Civic Club's board of directors.

Juliet's life long commitment to public service and concern for her community motivated her to run for HISD Trustee for District VIII. She won her election on November 30, 2010. To learn more about Ms. Stipeche's campaign for HISD Trustee for District VIII, please visit www.juliet4hisd8.com. To learn more about Nagorny & Stipeche, P.C., please visit www.wnjs-law.com.