



City Attorney

Robert F. Greenblum

Robert “Robbie” Greenblum became City Attorney for the City of San Antonio in December 2013. He serves as chief legal adviser to the City Council, City Manager and all City Departments, offices and agencies.

Prior to that, Mr. Greenblum served Mayor Julian Castro as chief of staff from June 2009 – December 2013. He was the mayor’s top adviser, as well as the chief liaison for the mayor’s office with city staff and the community.

Greenblum received his Bachelor of Arts degree and Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas, and has been licensed to practice by the State Bar of Texas since 1988. While practicing law for more than 20 years, Greenblum’s work has addressed business, litigation, non-profit, property tax issues, and legal representation regarding immigration and international law matters. Prior to his employment with the City of San Antonio, he worked with various law firms, including Matthews and Branscomb, Illagan & Associates, Quan, Burdette, & Perez, and Foster Lewis Langley Gardner & Banack, as well as with the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of Texas and the Refugee Assistance Council. His work at the civil rights’ committee included the class action “Bowie High School” lawsuit that ended the U.S. Border Patrol’s practice of conducting sweeps at a high school campus in El Paso, Texas.

He has represented clients before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, U.S. District Courts for the Western, Southern and Northern Districts of Texas, and the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Education

- J.D., School of Law, University of Texas at Austin, 1988
- B.A., Plan II (Honors Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Program), University of Texas at Austin, 1985
- La Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 1984

Professional Memberships and Community Involvement

San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors and Executive Committee (2009); KLRN Public (PBS) Television, Board of Directors (2006–2009); KLRN Public (PBS) Television, Community Advisory Board, Organizer and Member (2005–2006); San Antonio Free Trade Alliance, Board of Directors (2004–2009); Anti Defamation League, Southwest Regional Board of Directors (2003–2006); University of Texas at San Antonio, Great Conversations, Co-Chair (2005, 2006); San Antonio Jewish Federation, Community Relations Council, Co-Chair (1999–2001); San Antonio Jewish Federation, Latino-Black-Jewish Dialogue, Founder and Co-Chair (1994–1998); San Antonio Express-News, Community Advisory Board (1999–2000); Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights/Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, Board Member (1995-2005).

Honors

Laredo Nixon High School Mustangs Legend; National Lawyers’ Guild/National Immigration Project, National Award; American Civil Liberties Union, National Award; El Paso Border Rights Coalition, Award Recipient; El Paso Independent School District Proclamation, Recipient.

Personal

Mr. Greenblum is married and has four children.