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Ray Martinez is a practicing attorney in Austin, Texas, focusing primarily on regulatory and administrative law matters, and has broad experience in government, community and public service. Mr. Martinez serves the legal, public and governmental affairs needs of both public and private sector clients, and assists with compliance efforts regarding the recently-implemented privacy regulations mandated by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

Concurrent with his law practice and as a community service, Mr. Martinez has served for the last two years as executive director and legal counsel of the *Every Texan Foundation*, a non-partisan voter registration and education effort dedicated to increasing voter participation in Texas.

Mr. Martinez began his law practice after serving as Deputy Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House. In this position, Mr. Martinez was responsible for assisting former President Clinton with various policy issues involving the nation's governors and other state and local elected officials. While on the White House staff, Mr. Martinez also served on the Interagency Task Force on the Economic Development of the Southwest Border, where he directed efforts to develop long-term strategies to stimulate economic growth along the U.S./Mexico border region. Additionally, Mr. Martinez assisted with the establishment of the U.S./Mexico Border Health Commission, now headquartered in El Paso, Texas.

Before serving as Deputy Assistant to the President, Mr. Martinez was Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Dallas. As Regional Director, he served as the Department's principal liaison with federal, state and local officials in a five-state region and focused agency resources on public health issues of particular importance to the region, including full implementation of the Children's Health Insurance Program and the growing health disparities experienced among various racial and ethnic groups.

From 1995 through the end of President Clinton's first term, Mr. Martinez served in the White House as a Special Assistant to the President, frequently traveling with the President and assisting with various public policy issues. Mr. Martinez' federal government service began in 1993 when he was appointed as White House Liaison to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where he served on the senior staff of former HHS Secretary Donna Shalala. Prior to his service in the federal government, Mr. Martinez worked as a legislative liaison for the Texas Attorney General's office, and as the legislative director for State Representative Sylvester Turner of Houston.

A native of Alice, Texas, Mr. Martinez, 39, received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and his bachelor's degree from Southwestern University. He is married to Beth Stanley Martinez, a clinical social worker, and they are the very proud parents of a three year-old daughter, Sofia Grace.