THE LAW OFFICE OF LUIS BAEZ, PLLC

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Whether you're dealing with a criminal or commercial case, you need an attorney that will do more than simply go through the motions for you. You need a skilled, tested, and persuasive courtroom advocate. I started The Law Office of Luis Baez, PLLC to provide exactly that.

Ever since joining the speech and debate team in high school after a buddy of mine asked me to be his partner, I made it a focus of my academic and professional career to work on the craft of oral and written advocacy. By the end of my senior year, I amassed a nice collection of finalist and winning trophies and awards for extemporaneous and impromptu speaking, Lincoln-Douglas and public-forum debate, and became the national president for the Health Occupations Students of America. I also received finalist and winning awards for speech and interview competitions through academic decathlon. When it came to writing, I served as an editor for the school newspaper and literary magazine (but don't ask to see any of the "poems" I wrote back then . . .).

In college, I served as the university's debate captain and competed in speech and debate tournaments across the world. I consistently selected to compete in the infamous "Oxford IV," an annual, international debate tournament held at Oxford University each fall. I also wrote for the university's school newspaper while working on a major in political science and minor in criminal justice.

Growing up, my dad (and several uncles) were police officers for the Houston Police Department and that (along with "Law & Order" reruns on TV) made me realize that I wanted to use my skills and experience to work in in the courtroom and criminal law. After undergrad, I was offered a scholarship to attend the Michigan State University College of Law. By my second year, I was selected for my research and writing skills to serve as an editor on the college's Law Review. I was also selected for my oral advocacy to the law school's competitive mock trial team. Before I graduated, I received over a dozen offers to publish two papers I wrote for class assignments.

For three years after law school, I worked for an acclaimed boutique litigation firm in the Houston area known then as Simon Herbert McClelland & Stiles LLP. Working directly under the partners there, I gained invaluable litigation experience in the fields of commercial, employment, personal injury, and family law through motion drafting, depositions, and trial preparation. Due to the nature of civil cases, however, I was not getting as much jury selection and trial experience as I wanted, so I went to work for the District Attorney's office.

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While there, I was able to get intense and close experience with every phase of investigation and trial. From the beginning investigative stages of a case through jury selection to closing arguments, I was able to get first-chair experience as the lead attorney in at least 50 trials and hearings. These cases ranged from common misdemeanors like theft and driving while intoxicated up to the worst kinds of felony charges. I was also selected to work on the office's vehicular crimes team.

Today, I focus my practice on criminal defense and commercial litigation cases. I'm also working on my MBA at Rice University to be able to provide effective counsel to executives and representation in white-collar, fraud, and securities-related alleged state and federal crimes. I have been able to secure "not guilty" verdicts for criminal defendants and favorable outcomes for clients with civil and commercial litigation cases in federal and state courts across Texas.

Although I can never promise a specific outcome on a case, I can promise that I will do everything within my power to get the best outcome for my clients. I can also promise that we will work closely together on your case and I will never hand off your file to some other attorney or make you wade through assistants just to be able to get a hold of me. When calling your attorney starts to like to feel and sound like calling your doctor's office, something is wrong.

I know how important your case is to you. As a prosecutor, I routinely saw defendants get railroaded because of their defense attorney and it made me sick. I could never do that to a client. I also know how important it is that you trust your attorney and have faith that they can effectively and persuasively advocate on your behalf every time you're in court (whether that's in writing, with a prosecutor, opposing counsel, judge, or jury).

My professional mission is to provide the kind of legal representation to the public that is above and beyond their expectations. At the end of our case, I want us both to feel like we left it all on the field. If you're in a situation where you need an advocate-and not just an attorney-please contact me.

Best,

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