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Hilda Cantú Montóy is the principal of Montóy Law Corporation. She currently serves as the City Attorney for the Cities of Kerman, Madera, Sanger, and San Joaquin; General Counsel for Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler County Sanitation District, Exeter District Ambulance, and Calwa Recreation and Park District. Her special assignment clients include: City of Merced Personnel Board, Madera Unified School District Personnel Board, and the Santa Clara County Oversight Board.

Hilda received a B.A. from Stanford University in 1973 and a law degree from Stanford Law School in 1976. She has served as City Attorney for the City of Fresno (1995-2006); Public Practice Department Chair for Dowling, Aaron and Keeler, Inc. (2006-2009); special counsel to numerous public agencies and cities in the Central Valley; and Assistant Regional Counsel for the U.S. Community Services Administration.

Hilda has been active in the League of California Cities – City Attorneys Department and has served on various League committees and/or presented at League meetings over the years, including the Ad Hoc Due Process Committee (2005); Open and Public IV: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act,” Editorial Board (2006); and Fair Political Practices Commission Committee. She has been a speaker and panelist at public attorney seminars on various subjects including public lawyers and ethics; relationships with governing boards; the Brown Act; due process; public law office management; and was a contributing editor for The Rutter Group California Practice Guide for Employment Litigation (2009). Locally, she has conducted AB 1234 Ethics Training, and has taught municipal law at San Joaquin College of Law.

Hilda has been active in several community organizations and boards. She has served on various Boards of Directors (Federal Bar Association-San Joaquin Valley Chapter; Fresno County Bar Association; St. Agnes Medical Center; United Health Centers; Centro La Familia; Maddy Institute; and the Fresno Metropolitan Museum); California School Personnel Commissioners Association; La Raza Lawyers Association; Fresno County Women Lawyers; Stanford Alumni Association Executive Board; and the State Center Community College District Personnel Commission.

In 1995, she was honored as one of Fresno’s Top Ten Professional Women of the Year. In 2003, she was named “Woman of the Year” for the Thirty-First Assembly District. In 2007 she received the Justice Pauline Hanson Award.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Public Agency Law
- Ethics and Open Government
- Personnel and Labor Relations

PUBLIC OFFICES

City Attorney

- City of Kerman
- City of Madera
- City of Sanger
- City of San Joaquin

General Counsel

- Exeter District Ambulance
- Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler CSD
- Calwa Recreation and Park District

EDUCATION

- Stanford Law School, JD
- Stanford University, BA

ADMISSIONS

- US District Court, Northern, CA
- US District Court, Eastern, CA
- State Bar of California

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Justice Pauline Hanson Award, 2007
- Rebozo Award – Arte Americas, 2006
- Woman of the Year – State Legislature, 2003
- Top 10 Professional Women of the Year, 1995
- Honorary Chair - American Diabetes Association Hispanic Education Kick Off, 1999
- “Special Recognition Award” Presented by La Raza Lawyers Association, 1996
- “Latinas Beyond Boundaries Award” Presented by Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 1997, 2001
- Outstanding Leadership Award in "Legal/Justice" Category, Presented by Assembly Member Sarah Reyes, 1999
- Appreciation Award Presented by Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, 1998
- Recognition Award Presented by League of Mexican American Women, 1997

