



Jacob "Jake" "Jacobo" M. Monty

Managing Partner

For over two decades, Jacob Monty has successfully practiced at the intersection of immigration, labor, and employment laws. A nationally recognized authority on issues facing employers with large Hispanic workforces, Jacob has written not one, but two books on the topic and speaks regularly in English and Spanish on navigating labor and employment matters in industries with heightened immigration scrutiny. His clients include professional baseball teams, grocery store chains, single establishment and chain restaurants, and leading companies in the construction and facility maintenance fields. Jacob has been interviewed by major media outlets such as Fox News, CNN, and MSNBC regarding national immigration concerns.

Jacob founded Monty & Ramirez LLP to offer an integrated approach to dealing with Hispanic workforces. He and his bilingual partners address all the critical aspects of employer advocacy, from immigration to union matters, workplace safety, and employment disputes. Jacob's practice extends nationwide; he has represented employers in courts and government investigations in California, Illinois, New York, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and throughout Texas.

Jacob has held presidential and gubernatorial appointments to the University of Houston Board of Regents, the Texas Private Security Board, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Border Environment Cooperation Commission, and the North American Development Bank. Jacob is also active in civic and professional leadership. He serves as Outside Counsel for the Mexican Consulate in Houston, and chairs the Center for Latino Jewish Relations.



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Work Accomplishments

- Serves as Outside General Counsel to La Michoacana Meat Markets
- For over a decade, has advised the New York Yankees on immigration matters

Certifications and Awards

- Board Certified — Labor and Employment Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 1998 - Present
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2008 - Present

- AV Preeminent Rated: Martindale-Hubbell, 2020 - Present
- Best Lawyers®, 2023 - Present
- Alumni of the Latino Business Action Network's Stanford Latino Entrepreneurship Initiative — Education Scaling program
- National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC)
- Member of the National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF)

Publications

- Author, *The Sons of Wetbacks, A Memoir from a Third-Generation Mexican-American*, Monty & Ramirez LLP, 2018
- Author, *Houston fails to adopt HERO*, Human Resources News, November 4, 2015
- Co-authored with Sarah D. Monty, *The Gringo's Guide to Immigration Reform for Employers*, Antaeus Books, 2013
- Author, *The Gringo's Guide to Hispanics in the Workplace*, Antaeus Books, 2011 & 2013
- Editor, *Texas Employment Law Letter*

Appointments

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2014 (Appointed by Governor Perry)
- University of Houston Board of Regents, 2008-2013 (Appointed by Governor Perry)
- Board of Directors for the Texas Mutual Insurance Company, 2005-2011 (Appointed by Governor Perry)
- Board of Directors of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) and North American Development Bank (NADB), 2005 (Appointed by President Bush)
- Texas Private Security Board, 2004-2005 (Appointed by Governor Perry)
- Texas Private Security Board, 1999-2004 (Appointed by then Governor Bush)

Professional Activities

- Chairman, Center for Latino-Jewish Relations
- Outside Counsel, Mexican Consulate in Houston on labor and employment issues
- Board Member, James Beard Foundation
- Board Member, Texas Restaurant Association
- Board Member, Latino Food Industry Association
- Board Member, Latino Restaurant Association
- American Bar Association and State Bar of Texas, Labor and Employment Law Section

Education

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 1993
- University of Texas at Arlington, B.A., 1991

Speaking and Training Engagements (Presented in English and Spanish)

- 30 Years of I-9 Compliance
- Immigration Compliance for Employers
- There is No Line—How for millions of immigrants there is no way to legalize.
- Hispanics in the Workforce: Management's New Awareness
- Avoiding Wrongful Discharge Claims
- Sexual Harassment in the Latino Workforce
- Best Practices in the Restaurant Industry

Languages

- English
- Spanish

Admitted to Practice

- State Courts of Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States District Courts for the Southern, Northern, Western, and Eastern Districts of Texas