

DAVID LOPEZ

David Lopez was sworn in on April 8, 2010, as General Counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). He was nominated by President Obama on Oct. 22, 2009, and given a recess appointment on March 27, 2010, and confirmed by the Senate on December 22, 2010. Mr. Lopez is the first field staff attorney to be appointed as General Counsel.

David Lopez has served in the Commission for 16 years in the field and at headquarters.

When Mr. Lopez initially joined the Commission in 1996, he served as Special Assistant to then-Chairman Gilbert F. Casellas in Washington, D.C. In 1998, he joined the Phoenix District Office as a Senior Trial Attorney, later becoming a Supervisory Trial Attorney, fulfilling a long-held dream to practice civil rights law in his beloved hometown. During his tenure, Mr. Lopez has successfully tried several cases on behalf of the EEOC and its charging parties.

In addition, Mr. Lopez has extensive experience developing large, high-impact systemic cases. During his tenure in Phoenix, Mr. Lopez exhibited an eye for systemic litigation in novel issue areas, thereby contributing to the realization of the targeted National Enforcement Plan he helped create while serving as Special Assistant. Mr. Lopez has also done extensive speaking and outreach to bar associations, schools, and community based groups.

Mr. Lopez graduated from Harvard Law School in 1988 and graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University in 1985, with a B.S. in Political Science.

Mr. Lopez has been married for 21 years to Maria Leyva. They have three children, Javier David (16), Julian Diego (13), and Luis Andres (10).