

STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Edgar Vidales, from Etna, Licking County, Ohio, as a Member of the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs for a new term beginning December 19, 2024, and ending at the close of business October 7, 2027, replacing Michael G. Florez, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 19th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Mike DeWine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Mike DeWine
Governor

Edgar G. Vidales

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Education:

Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, FL

Juris Doctorate, May 2020

Activities:

Approx. 14 hours Pro Bono Work

President of Lex Vitae Society

Latino Law Student Association

St. Thomas More Society

**University of South Florida Saint Petersburg,
St. Petersburg, FL**

*Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, Minor in Spanish and
Latino Studies, August 2016*

Activities:

USFSP Criminology Student Association

Saint Petersburg College, Clearwater, FL

Associate in Arts, Science, May 2012

Current Position:

Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Tribunal Auditor, Aug 2024- Present

Assist Judicial Vicar in procuring Catholic Marriage Annulments. Facilitate oral depositions, summarize documents, draft legal memos, keep records, correspond with churches and parties. Maintain relevant working knowledge of Canon Law.

Professional Experience:

Work Sabbatical April 2022-July 2022 to study and take the Ohio Bar Exam

Social Security Administration

Bilingual Claims Specialist, Sept 2022- Aug 2024

Assist in establishing entitlement to benefits under Social Security programs. Obtain, clarify and verify information used to analyze claims and make decisions regarding entitlement to benefits. Resolve discrepancies and make final decisions for initial and post-entitlement benefits and payments; adjudicate entitlement or disallowance actions. Implement, interpret, and advise on Federal policies.

The Guadalupe Center, Catholic Social Services

Program Manager Aug 2021- April 2022

Oversaw daily operations including: business incubator, food pantry, interns, social media, workforce and economic development.

Interfaced with community partners, case management workload, clients.

Drafted partnership agreements, grant applications, MOUs, and staff policies.

Thomas R. Merry Co., L.P.A.

Legal Administrative Assistant Oct 2020 -Jan 2020

WorkTools International

Executive Administrative Assistant, Inventory Specialist, Purchasing Agent, February 2010-July 2016

Economic and Community Development Institute, Women's Business Center

Program Coordinator January 2021- August 2021

Provided outreach and education to Hispanic Community on Women's Business center services. Conducted personalized counseling for business center members on legal compliance, start-up issues, and other obstacles to operating a small business.

Florida Rural Legal Services

Low Income Tax Clinic Interns Dec 2019-May 2020

Tripp Law Firm

Law Clerk May 2018-August 2018

The Patient's Law Firm

Legal Assistant June 2017-August 2017

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Community Service:

Knights of Columbus, 2019-Present

Community and Home Support, CKSC Fellow, Detroit August 2016 - April 2017

Salvation Army, Voluntary Spanish Instructor June 2016 - August 2016

Skills:

Languages: Fluent Spanish (conversational, reading, writing), Intermediate French (reading, writing)

Technology: LexisNexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg Law, Microsoft Office Business Edition and Office 365, DocuSign, Digital Faxing, Ring Central, Zoom, Authorized to request Tax Transcripts

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointment Date: 12/19/2024

Name of Appointee: Edgar Vidales

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Term Begins: 10/8/2024
Term Ends: 10/7/2027
Party Affiliation: Republican
Senate Confirmation: Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate
Financial Disclosure: Public disclosure required
Vice: Michael G. Florez

