

Catalina Serna Booth, JD

Education/Degrees

- **Boston University School of Law**, Boston MA **1997**
J.D.
- **Brown University**, Providence, RI **1994**
B.A. in Public Policy
B.A. in Organizational Behavior and Management, *graduated with honors.*

Professional Experience

- **Center for Community Learning, Inc. (CCL) – Executive Director**
2013 – Present
Direct administrative and leadership functions for CCL, including facilitating Board of Directors Meetings, overseeing drafting and implementation of governance documents and strategic planning. Provide technical support to family run organizations, community organizations serving families and children, and behavioral health organizations. Conduct projects involving the following: drafting of governance documents and strategic plans for family led non profit organizations; technical assistance regarding implementation of cultural and linguistic competence plans and self- assessments; creating and providing cultural and linguistic competence training centered around the CLAS Standards.
- **Technical Assistance Network for Children’s Behavioral Health - Co-leader with the University of South Florida, Department of Children and Family Services**
2013 –Present
Serve as a core partner in the Technical Assistance Network for Children’s Behavioral Health (TA Network) & the National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Children's Behavioral Health (NTTAC). Provide leadership and technical assistance to system of care grantees in the field of cultural and linguistic competence. Develop materials and products and provide information, training, technical assistance, and evaluation consultation about cultural and linguistic competence. Provide technical assistance to system-of-care states and communities, connecting them to program partners, peer mentors, and consultants. Serve as a member of the Leadership Team of the TA Network, participating in Governance activities and meetings, including strategic plan development and implementation.
- **Union Pacific Railroad- Senior General Attorney**
2004-2013
Conducted litigation in state and federal courts, Handled all aspects of litigation including: drafting of legal pleadings; conducting depositions, hearings and trials; and drafting appellate briefs. Supervised outside counsel handling high-risk litigation.

Established a Federal Corrupt Practices Act compliance program for the entire company. Interfaced with operational departments to provide legal advice regarding operations and ethics issues. Worked in the field and conducted site investigations, risk mitigation investigations and post accident investigations.

- **Harris County District Attorney's Office-Assistant District Attorney**
1997-2004

Conducted criminal investigations and handled misdemeanor and felony cases from the grand jury stage to trial. Interviewed witnesses, reviewed evidence, drafted pleadings, conducted hearings, and handled all aspects of trial. Completed over 50 trials. Experienced in child abuse, juvenile justice, sex crimes, violent felonies, and vehicular crimes.

Licenses:

Licensed to Practice Law in Texas State and Federal Courts.