

KRISTINA VALDEZ

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EDUCATION

UNT DALLAS COLLEGE OF LAW

Juris Doctor Candidate | 2023 – 2026

Bar Results: *Pending*

Activities: Vice President of the Black Law Student Association

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

BA in Journalism | 2016 – 2019

Activities: Study Abroad Program in London, England (June 2019). Co-editor for *Focus Magazine*. Arts & Culture Editor for *The Baylor Lariat*.

Honors: **Multimedia Magazine Editor of the Year** for editor-in-chief of *The Bundle Magazine* (2019).

EXPERIENCE

DALLAS PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE, Dallas, TX.

Third-year Bar Card | Sept. 2025 – May 2026

Observed criminal trials and hearings; negotiated plea agreements; conducted a cross-examination at trial; and second-chaired a speedy-trial proceeding.

[PPAI](#), Irving, TX.

Associate editor | Jan. 2020 – Oct. 2023

Wrote and published weekly articles. Interviewed industry professionals. Produced content for podcasts. Organized meetings and meeting notes.

TALITHA KOUM INSTITUTE, Waco, TX.

Social media specialist | Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2019

Communicated complex therapeutic language to general audiences. Supervised social media ads and fundraisers. Increased followers and likes.

[KWBU-FM Waco](#), Waco, TX.

Editorial intern | Jan. 2019 – May 2019

Crafted four on-air news stories in NPR-style format. Interviewed with residents in the field and studio. Investigated complex community issues.

[D MAGAZINE PARTNERS](#), Dallas, TX.

Editorial intern | Jun. 2017 – Aug. 2017

Wrote timely articles for *D Home* and *D Weddings*. Conducted interviews with business leaders and locals. Proofread copy and pitched ideas.

INTERESTS

Collecting (and reading) books. Enjoy writing, blogging and gardening.

RECENT STORIES

[*Fire Couldn't Stop This Dallas Barbecue Boss. Baby Back Shak Is Back.*](#)

PROJECTS

Co-editor for [*Focus Magazine: Waco Unseen*](#)

