



Enrique Zuniga, Public Trust Liaison



Enrique Zuniga is the State Bar's first Public Trust Liaison. Enrique was chosen for the role because of his dedication to public service, his vision of proactive outreach, and his deep experience with the State Bar of California extending back more than a decade in the Office of Chief Trial Counsel (OCTC). During his time at the State Bar, Enrique has answered attorney complaint phone calls, served as an investigator, passed the bar, and then became an attorney in OCTC. His roles have always involved direct contact with the public as well as proactive outreach.

Most recently, Enrique served as an OCTC Deputy Trial Counsel prosecuting attorney misconduct cases. He was promoted into this role in 2021, after being admitted himself to the State Bar as an attorney.

Before that, Enrique served as an OCTC Investigator, and in his four years in that role, he worked on teams dealing with both attorney discipline cases and those involving the unauthorized practice of law (UPL). The role also involved media interviews, in-person outreach meetings for immigrants, and social media outreach, warning the public about immigration fraud and other forms of UPL.

He began with the State Bar in 2012 as an OCTC Complaint Analyst. In that role, he answered calls to the attorney complaint hotline—typically over 100 inquiries per day in both English and Spanish. A native Spanish speaker, Enrique also participated in Town Hall meetings held throughout Southern California that helped members of the public avoid legal services fraud and introduced them to the State Bar's programs and services.

Before joining the State Bar, Enrique served as a Worker's Compensation hearing representative in a private law practice, a role in which his duties included serving as a Spanish translator for attorneys and clients. A Los Angeles native (raised in Boyle Heights), Enrique holds a law degree from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, where he interned as a student attorney at the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office. He also holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and political science from UCLA.