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LITIGATING FOR EQUALITY

Lecture

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Thomas A. Saenz is the President and General Counsel of MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund), where he leads the civil rights organization's five offices in pursuing litigation, policy advocacy, and community education to promote the civil rights of Latinos living in the United States. Saenz re-joined MALDEF in August 2009, after spending four years on Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's executive team as Counsel to the Mayor. He previously spent 12 years at MALDEF practicing civil rights law as a staff attorney, regional counsel, and vice president of litigation. He served as MALDEF's lead counsel in numerous cases in the areas of education, employment, immigrants' rights, and voting rights. Saenz graduated from Yale College and Yale Law School, and he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Harry L. Hupp of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and to the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before initially joining MALDEF in 1993.

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