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# PETE P. GALLEGO

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## PROFILE

A native of Alpine and graduate of Sul Ross State University, Pete Gallego has over 25 years of legislative experience. Licensed to practice law in Texas since 1986, he holds a *Juris Doctor* degree from The University of Texas School of Law (1985) and a Bachelor's degree from Sul Ross (1982). As a prosecutor and insurance defense attorney, Gallego has tried numerous civil and criminal cases during his career. He was the first Latino elected to the Texas House from District 74 and is the only rural Far West Texan ever elected to serve in the US Congress.

## EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR; ADJUNCT; SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY, ALPINE, TEXAS (SUMMER, 2015- ), AND TRINITY UNIVERSITY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (FALL, 2015)

Part-time instructor in political science responsible for courses on state and federal government as well as politics and ethics. Help students understand the intricacies of governmental processes and the relationship between government, politics, and ethics and our nation's concepts of justice, fairness and morality.

MEMBER OF CONGRESS, 23RD DISTRICT OF TEXAS, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D.C. – 2013-2014

Represented the Texas' largest geographic and only battleground congressional district which covers over 2/3 of the Texas-Mexico border and nearly 24% of the land area of Texas. Served on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Agriculture Committee. Focused on military and veterans' issues.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 74, TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AUSTIN, TX. – 1991-2012

Represented Texas' largest geographic State House seat. Carried numerous pieces of groundbreaking legislation and served as chairman of several committees. First and only person elected to lead the House Democratic Caucus as a freshman legislator. Chaired the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus a record-setting four terms. Named to *Texas Monthly's* Ten Best Legislators list and named finalist for Texan of the Year by the *Dallas Morning News*.

PRACTICING ATTORNEY, ALPINE, TX. – 1988-2012, 2015-

Served as a felony prosecutor as well as an insurance defense attorney. Have handled litigation as well as general issues related to governmental and business entities.