

One of 10 children, Monica grew up in Mentor, Ohio. She went to high school and two years of college in Cleveland before transferring to Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) where she completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. Monica then taught school (5th & 7th grades – all subjects!), and spent 27 months in the Peace Corps in Puerto Rico and Panama in an innovative program colloquially referred to as “talking community development”, where she also learned to speak Spanish. Social work and graduate school (@ OLLU) followed but both were interrupted by the birth of the first of her two children.

While her children were still toddlers, Monica returned to school to pursue a law degree and graduated with a Doctorate in Jurisprudence (J.D.) from St. Mary’s School of Law. Upon graduation, Monica worked as a Bexar County Assistant District Attorney in Appeals, Juvenile and Special Crimes, and thereafter opened her own office as an Attorney and Counselor at Law, practicing primarily in family law.

Some organizations and extracurricular activities in which Monica has been involved include volunteer bilingual tutoring with Northside Independent School District, Women for Peace; learning, playing, coaching and refereeing soccer as a mother, League of Women Voters, UNCF, National Welfare Fraud Association; and local, state and national bar associations.

Monica is married to native San Antonian, Albert Alcocer, (who built our home in Leon Valley!), and has 5 grandchildren. The oldest, Angela, is completing her first year at the University of Notre Dame on full scholarship!

Monica Alcocer is presently serving her first term as a Leon Valley Councilor.