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Well-known in Texas higher education, Ray Martinez is president of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc. (ICUT), which serves the state and federal policy interests of Texas' regionally-accredited, nonprofit independent institutions of higher education. Ray served as chancellor of WGU Texas prior to joining ICUT, and has held senior government relations positions at Rice University and Texas A&M International University. Ray previously served as the director of the Higher Education Committee in the Texas Senate.



Ray also has substantial experience at the federal level. From 2003-2006, he was a commissioner on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, a bipartisan federal agency responsible for assisting state and local governments to improve the process of election administration. President George W. Bush nominated Ray and the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed him for this position. Ray also held numerous appointed positions in the administration of President Bill Clinton, serving as regional director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and on the White House staff as deputy assistant to the President.

From 2007-2013, Ray served as an adjunct professor of public policy at the University of Texas School of Law, where he taught a course on election law and policy. His commentaries on a variety of election law concerns have been printed in national daily newspapers, including the *New York Times*, *Baltimore Sun*, and *Roll Call*.

A native of Alice, Texas, Ray received his bachelor's degree from Southwestern University and his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. Ray and his wife, Beth, reside in Austin and have two children, Sofia Grace Martinez and Lorenzo Elder Martinez.