

- Name: Austin Hagee
- Employer: Austin Hagee Law Firm, PLLC
- **Brief description of practice**: Austin M. Hagee is a dedicated criminal trial lawyer in San Antonio, Texas, with a passion for restorative justice and a deep commitment to helping his clients rebuild their lives and families. For Austin, the most important thing is helping his clients achieve their goals and rebuild their lives with their family, whether that means fighting for their rights in court or helping them find alternative paths to moving forward through plea bargaining. He considers his work a calling and views it as a unique opportunity to show each client grace as he helps them find the right path forward. Austin's commitment to restorative justice is rooted in his belief that families and communities are stronger when they work together to repair harm and trauma with the goal of promoting healing. He sees himself not just as a lawyer, but as a partner and counselor in his clients' journeys, committed to helping them achieve their goals and build a better future for themselves and their loved ones.
- Law School / Undergrad
  St. Mary's University School of Law 2016 / UTSA 2013
- Where did you grow up? San Antonio native
- What brought you to San Antonio? I stayed in San Antonio because I enjoy its rich culture and people.

• What has been your favorite SAYLA event?

My favorite SAYLA event is the Judicial Jamboree because we honor our deserving judiciary for their hard work and sacrifices. I also really enjoy the Annual SAYLA/SAYLF Scramble because we pull together sizable resources for a deserving charity each year, which is one of the best things lawyers can accomplish collectively.

• Why vote for you?

I believe people should vote for me as I bring a unique perspective to the board as the founder of a criminal defense firm. I can relate both to attorneys from smaller size firms and attorneys that have a trial and litigation focused practice. Also, I have helped contribute to the consistent improvement and growth of SAYLA's number and type of event offerings, since joining the board in 2019. My goal on the board has been and will remain to generate ideas that create an inviting environment for young lawyers to learn, connect, and forge friendships with other young lawyers in San Antonio as they start their careers.

• Favorite San Antonio restaurant:

I love many San Antonio restaurants, but my current favorite restaurant is Restaurant Claudine.