

Erica de la Garza was born and raised in McAllen, Texas. She is the daughter of Abdala & Alma Kalifa both of McAllen, Texas. She is the 2nd oldest of 5 daughters, Anid, Lidza, Naema & Amira.

Erica was raised in a business-oriented family. Her parents are proprietors of Kalifa's Western Wear, Inc. for the past 30+ years, in addition to several commercial real estate properties in the McAllen MSA.

Erica graduated from McAllen Memorial High School in 1996 and went off to college at Texas A&M University in College Station. She graduated from Texas A&M University in December of 1999 with a Bachelor's of Business Management in Human Resources. She was soon hired after graduation by Hunt Valley Development based out of Dallas, Texas as a Property Manager for a 6,000-ac multi-use development in Sharyland Plantation, Mission Texas. During her employment at Hunt, Erica continued her education by acquiring her Texas Real Estate Sales License in 2002. Erica then continued to receive her Master's of Business Administration from the University of Texas – Pan American in May of 2005. Also, in 2005 she furthered her real estate career by gaining her Texas Real Estate Broker's License.

In 2005, Erica chose to branch out from Hunt and further pursue her career in real estate by partnering with a fellow colleague at Radiant Realty Services and Trenton View Management Services. Here she was able to continue her love for Commercial and Industrial real estate sales and leasing. She leased and managed several commercial high-profile properties in the McAllen MSA.

In 2007, Erica was recruited by a pharmaceutical company of Mississippi to manage the Rio Grande Valley territory which had been previously underserved and underperforming. De la Garza, within 8 months of working the area, was able to increase its productivity and was quickly recognized nationally as the "Most Improved Territory" in the Company. As of recent in 2010, Erica was recruited again by Wright Medical Technologies of Tennessee, to manage their operations and sales of the Rio Grande Valley Territory.

Erica is married to Marcos Anastacio Lopez of Edinburg. He is the son of Ramiro and Irene Lopez. Marcos is employed by Hidalgo County. Marcos and Erica have two children, Alex 8 and Emma 3. Together, they reside in McAllen, Texas.

With the support of her husband, Erica is an active member of the Junior League of McAllen, the Secretary of the Trenton Pecan's Home Owner's Association and a member of the Texas A&M University Alumni Organization.