

Representative Pedro Colón and his daughter Lily Rose.

Biography

State Representative Pedro Colón made Wisconsin history on November 3, 1998 with his election to the Wisconsin State Assembly. On that day, Pedro Colón became the first Latino to be elected to the State Legislature. In 2000 and 2002, he was reelected without opposition. He represents 55,000 people in the 8th Assembly district that encompasses Milwaukee's near south side. According to the recent census data, the 8th Assembly district is approximately 39% Hispanic, making this ethnic group the majority population.

Prior to his election to the State Assembly, Colón was in private law practice in Milwaukee before joining the law firm of Baxter & O'Meara in 1998. Currently, he is a board member to Wisconsin Citizen Action; a member and past president of the Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association; president of the board of directors for Centro Legal; board member for the Betty Brinn Children's Museum; board member to the St. Ann's Center for Intergenerational Care; board member for the Council for the Spanish Speaking; and board member for Future Milwaukee. In addition, Representative Colón has been appointed to serve on the Governor's Taskforce on Racial Profiling, Crime Victims Council, Council on Migrant Labor, the Committee to Improve Translation and Interpretation in the State Courts and the Census Education Board. As a State Representative, Colón has used his background as a practicing Attorney to become a leading Democrat on the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee. He also serves on the Judiciary Committee, Corrections and the Courts Committee and the Health Committee.

Representative Colón received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1994 and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Marquette University in 1990. He is a graduate of Milwaukee's Thomas More High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Representative Colón was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico and grew up on Milwaukee's south side. He is married to attorney Betty Ulmer and they have two daughters.

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Pedro Colón
8th Assembly District
Democrat



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Born Ponce, Puerto Rico, April 7, 1968; married; 2 daughters. Thomas More H.S. (Milwaukee); B.A. Marquette U. 1991; J.D. Madison 1994. Attorney. Member: Wisconsin Hispanic Lawye Betty Brinn Children's Museum (bd. mbr.); Centro Legal (bd. Council for the Spanish Speaking (bd. mbr.); Future Milwauk mbr.); Wisconsin Citizen Action (bd. mbr.); State Bar of Wis.; Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO).

Elected to Assembly 1998; reelected since 2000.

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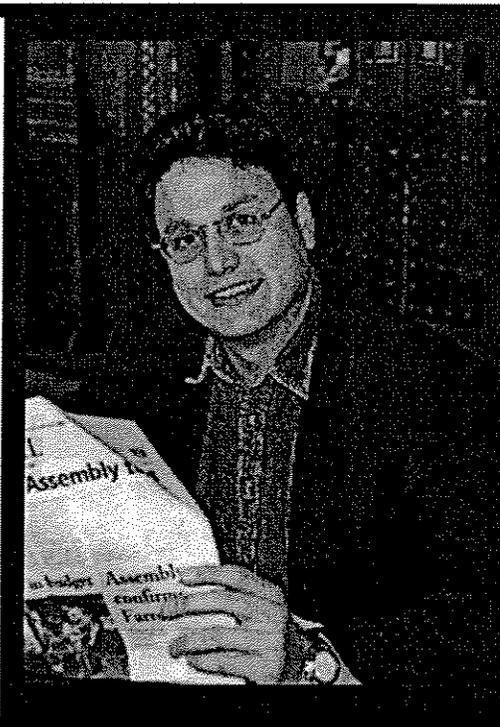
Pedro Colon
State Representative

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