



### **Claribel Tejada**

Claribel Tejada was born in the Dominican Republic and moved to Brooklyn, New York City, when she was eight years old. Tejada came to Utah to attend Brigham Young University. While studying at BYU she realized that she wanted to make a difference within the Latino community by providing help to those who were victims of injustice. That is when she decided to pursue a career in law. She has hosted radio and television programs answering questions and addressing legal issues to the Latino community. Tejada is a licensed attorney in the Utah State Bar and is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. She and her Mexican-born husband, Melchor Cedeño, have three children—Taylor, Jordan and Brissa.

Who has had the most influence in your life?

“My mother. She encouraged me to get an education because she felt that was the only way that I could succeed in life. She always has been an example of honesty, integrity, and hard work. She sacrificed her life for her nine children and she has been my greatest support through school, and now as I practice law.”