

- A native of Argentina and bilingual, Sofia Adrogué handles business, healthcare and international litigation as well as significant Continuing Legal Education responsibilities (a prolific author and speaker of over 50 publications and 90 speeches, respectively)
- Profiled by the Texas Lawyer as one of Texas' Top "40 Under 40" and by H Texas magazine as one of 2005 Houston's Top Lawyers
- A community leader, Sofia is married to fellow Rice graduate, Sten Gustafson, and is a dedicated parent to their three young children, Sloane, Schuyler and Stefan
- Education: Rice University, B.A. (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, competitive scholarship); University of Houston Law Center, J.D. (magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Order of the Barons, Law Review, competitive scholarship)

At a Glance

Sofia Adrogué

Q: What civic/charitable endeavors have been, and currently are, your primary focus?

A: My past and present endeavors include Girls Inc. of Greater Houston, the Houston Downtown Alliance, Leadership Houston, the Mexican American Bar Association-Houston, the Museum of Fine Arts-Houston (with a focus on Latin American Art) and Theatre Under the Stars.

Q: Who has been the greatest influence in your life and why?

A: My family, commencing with my father, Dr. Horacio J. Adrogué, a Tenured Professor at Baylor College of Medicine, who together with my mother, Sara Adrogué, immigrated with five young children and 14 suitcases in pursuit of the American dream.

Q: What is the best advice you have ever been given?

A: "We all have two choices: we can make a living or we can design a life." Thus, Carpe Diem and "Shake it up!"

Q: What's the secret to maintaining a balance in one's life and yet maintaining a busy schedule, as you so obviously do?

A: It is a daily "balance" (in quotations truly)! It is prioritizing as necessary my triad of passions: my family, my profession and my community service. It is remembering that "happiness is not an accident. Nor is it something you wish for. Happiness is something you design." At the end, "I want to be thoroughly used up when I die. For the harder I work, the more I live."

Q: What is the most inspiring situation you have ever encountered?

A: Inspiring situations occur daily. It is the chronicles of ordinary people across this country and across the world doing extraordinary things. Theodore Roosevelt said, "The credit belongs to the man [woman] who is actually in the arena, . . . who errs and comes up short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcomings, . . . who at best knows in the end the high achievement of triumph and who at worst, if he [she] fails while daring greatly, knows his [her] place shall never be with those timid and cold souls who know neither victory nor defeat."