

# TEXAS FAIR DEFENSE ACT 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATION

Friday, May 6th, 2016 / First Court of Appeals  
301 Fannin, North Courtroom, Houston, TX 77002



Join us as we celebrate the 15 Year Anniversary  
of the Texas Fair Defense Act

- 12:00 p.m. Check-in / Refreshments**
- 12:30 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
*Senator Rodney Ellis and Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa  
Sponsors of the Fair Defense Act of 2001*
- 12:45 p.m. Commencement and Presentation of Awards**  
*Presiding Judge Sharon Keller, Chair and Jim Bethke, Executive Director  
Texas Indigent Defense Commission*
- 1:15 p.m. Keynote Address**  
*Lisa Foster, Director, Access to Justice, United States Department of Justice*
- 1:30 p.m. A look back over the 15 years: Programs that are making a difference**  
*Moderator: Jim Bethke / Texas Indigent Defense Commission  
Jack Stoffregen / Regional Public Defender Office for Capital Cases  
Alex Bunin / Harris County Public Defender Office  
Judge Elisabeth Earle / Capital Area Private Defender Service, Travis County  
Donnie Yandell / Texas Tech Law/Caprock Public Defender  
Jordan Pollock / Immigration attorney, Dallas Public Defender Office*
- 2:30 p.m. A look forward to challenges that lie ahead**  
*Moderator: Andrea Marsh / University of Texas School of Law and  
Texas Fair Defense Project  
Cathy Burnett / State Bar of Texas Legal Services to Poor in Criminal Matters Committee  
Andrea Keilen / General Counsel, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association  
Jim Allison / General Counsel, County Judges and Commissioners Association*
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks / Adjourn**  
*Senator Rodney Ellis and Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa*
- 3:45 - 5 p.m. Reception – Hearsay Gastro Lounge 218 Travis St, Houston, TX 77002**

*This event is sponsored by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, Senator Rodney Ellis,  
Texas Appleseed, The Texas Fair Defense Project, The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition,  
The University of Texas School of Law, George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center  
at Sam Houston State University and Texas Defender Service*

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