



**TADC** *e-Update*  
The Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Inc.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Committees are now set in both chambers and hearings on proposed legislation affecting the civil justice system will likely kick off in the next two weeks. Most of the bills of primary interest to TADC members will go to the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee and the Senate State Affairs Committee. The membership of these committees is as follows:

## **House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence:**

**Chair, Jim Jackson (R-Dallas)**  
**Vice Chair, Tryon Lewis (R-Odessa)**  
**Beverly Woolley (R-Houston)**  
**Joaquin Castro (D-San Antonio)**  
**Jerry Madden (R-Plano)**  
**Will Hartnett (R-Irving)**  
**Connie Scott (R-Corpus Christi)**  
**Senfronia Thompson (D-Houston)**  
**Sarah Davis (R-Houston)**  
**Dwayne Bohac (R-Houston)**

## **Senate State Affairs:**

**Chair, Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock)**  
**Vice Chair, Robert Deuell (R-Mesquite)**  
**Rodney Ellis (D-Houston)**  
**Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay)**  
**Joan Huffman (R-Houston)**

**Mike Jackson (R-La Porte)**  
**Leticia Van de Putte (D-San Antonio)**  
**Eddie Lucio (D-Brownsville)**  
**Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands)**

For complete committee membership rosters – **HOUSE**  
**SENATE**

If you or lawyers in your firm have a relationship with any of the committee members listed above, or with any member of the legislature for that matter, please let us know. As the session progresses, it will become increasingly important that we have personal contacts with the members of the legislature.

We expect several thousand bills to be introduced in the month. The last day that bills can be filed without the unanimous consent of the chamber of origin is March 11.

Your TADC Legislative Committee has been working hard preparing analyses of proposed legislation that may affect your practice. Members of the committee are listed below. If you have questions or concerns about particular legislation, please do not hesitate to contact the TADC office ([tadc@tadc.org](mailto:tadc@tadc.org)) or any member of the committee.

If you or lawyers in your firm are willing to assist the TADC in the analysis of legislation, please let the TADC office know ([tadc@tadc.org](mailto:tadc@tadc.org))  
Volunteers with the depth of knowledge and diversity of practice as the members of TADC are always welcome!

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**2011 TADC Spring Meeting**  
March 30-April 3, 2011 - Hyatt Regency on Lady Bird Lake - Austin,  
Texas

Don't miss this Seminar *(program link below)*

*A 9.0 hr (with 3.00 hrs ethics) CLE Program Featuring:*

The Honorable Sam Sparks, U.S. District Judge, Western District of Texas  
Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson and Justice Paul Green, Texas Supreme Court

District Judge Karen Gren Johnson &

outstanding lawyers and litigators Michael Huddleston, David Chaumette, Greg Cokinos, Ed  
Burbach, Harriett O'Neill

and Craig Enoch to name but a few!

**PLUS the TADC Legislative Day and Breakfast with the current and former members of the  
Texas Supreme Court**

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