

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

*From the Office of Judge Barbara Hervey, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals*

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On behalf of the Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit, Judge Barbara Hervey is proud to announce that the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Seminar will take place on March 22-23, 2012, at the Texas State Capitol Auditorium. Co-sponsors include Senator John Carona's Office, Senator Rodney Ellis's Office, Center for American and International Law, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and Texas District and County Attorneys Association. For more information, visit the Unit's Website at <http://www.cca.courts.state.tx.us/tcju/cle.asp>. Speakers and topics will include:

- Welcoming Remarks: Judge Barbara Hervey, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
- Tom's Story: Thomas Keyser, The Law Offices of Thomas g. Keyser; Allan DuBois, The Law Offices of Allan K. DuBois
- Drug Abuse & Addiction: Current Drug Trends & Cultures: Patrick J. Sammon, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of Kentucky
- The Role of Support Groups in Addiction Recovery: Pam Newton, M.S., LCDC, Founding Director of the Betty Ford Center Five Star Kids Program
- Alcoholics Anonymous: Alcoholics Anonymous, Volunteer
- Competency in Criminal Proceedings: Judge Andrew Carruthers, Criminal Law Magistrate Judge of Bexar County
- Competency Examinations: Dr. Brian Skop, Forensic and General Psychiatrist
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Rosemary Carr Malone, M.D., CDR, MC, USN, Director of Deployment Health, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
- Stop the Revolving Door – A Civil Approach to Treating Severe Mental Illness: Treatment Advocacy Center
- Involuntary Outpatient Commitment: Judge Oscar Kazen, Associate Probate Judge of Bexar County
- Representing the Mentally Ill: Judge Polly Jackson Spencer, Probate Court Number One of Bexar County
- Rewriting the Mental Health Code: Dr. Susan Stone, J.D., M.D., Executive Coordinator for the Mental Health Task Force