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To All Urban Counties:

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission will be hosting a symposium to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Fair Defense Act on Friday, May 6, 2016 in Houston. Registration is still open for this informative event, which will feature state and federal speakers of note who will discuss the accomplishments of the Fair Defense Act and the challenges that lie ahead.

For additional information and to register for this symposium, please visit the following website:
<http://bit.ly/1Q52HGV>.

Please contact me if I may be off additional assistance or provide additional information.

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TEXAS FAIR DEFENSE ACT

15TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATION

Friday, May 6th, 2016 / Fourteenth 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

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Register!**

- 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
Michael Young / Chief Public Defender Bexar County
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 and George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University.
For any questions regarding registration, contact Jamie at jsauer@texasappleseed.net*