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RE: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Chief Judge Priscilla Owen to Keynote the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society's 25th Annual Hemphill Dinner

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The Texas Supreme Court Historical Society is excited to announce that the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, former Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla R. Owen, will keynote the Society's 25th Annual Hemphill Dinner to be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020. For the first time ever, the Hemphill Dinner will be held virtually in light of concerns surrounding COVID-19. More details regarding accessing the Dinner broadcast will be released closer to the event.

Prior to her confirmation to the federal bench in 2005, Chief Judge Owen served with distinction for a decade on the Texas Supreme Court. First elected in 1994, she was just the second female Justice to be elected to the Court in its history. On the Fifth Circuit, she succeeded former Texas Supreme Court Justice, Judge William Garwood, in the seat he had held since 1981. Alongside the late Judge Garwood, Tom Reavley, Sam Johnson, and current Fifth Circuit Judge Don Willett, Chief Judge Owen is the fifth former Texas Supreme Court Justice to serve on the Fifth Circuit. In addition, Chief Judge Owen is the first and only former Texas Supreme Court Justice to serve as Chief Judge of not only the Fifth Circuit, but any U.S. circuit court of appeals. Elevated to Chief Judge in October 2019, Owen will serve in the post until 2024. She is the first Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit to be based in Austin, Texas.

A native of Palacios, Texas, Chief Judge Owen received both her undergraduate and juris doctor degrees from Baylor University, and was the high-scoring on the Texas Bar Exam the year she was licensed.

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