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RE: 26th Annual Hemphill Dinner--Change of Date

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The Hemphill Dinner is an important event for the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, and one that our members look forward to as a highlight of the year. In May, the Society announced plans to hold the Hemphill Dinner in person on Friday, September 3, 2021. At that time, there was a real hope of a steady and measured return to a semblance of normalcy.

Unfortunately, as we draw closer to September, cases of COVID across Texas are again rising dramatically. While we are eager to get together in person, we appreciate the need to balance this desire with the health and safety of the bench, bar, staff, and dinner guests.

So, after careful consideration of the options available, **the Society has elected to postpone the Hemphill Dinner to Friday, December 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** Our hope is that by December, the circumstances will have changed to enable us to proceed with a carefully planned in-person dinner that is safe for all.

Thank you on behalf of the Society, its officers, and the Board of Trustees, for the overwhelming support the Society has received during the past several months as we've adapted to the challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic. We have and we will continue to find new ways to continue the Society's traditions in spite of these challenging circumstances.

We look forward to seeing you in December.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia K. Timms
Immediate Past President

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