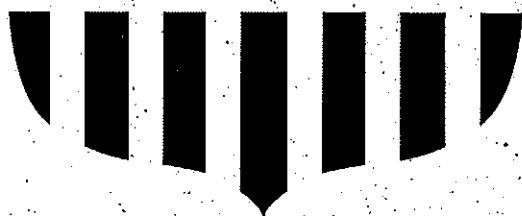




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**JOHN CORNYN**  
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

B.A., Trinity University. J.D., St. Mary's University. LL.M., University of Virginia. Justice Cornyn's distinguished career includes practice in a major San Antonio law firm, experience as a state district judge and, since 1991, service on the Texas Supreme Court. Justice Cornyn also is a prolific legal author. An adaptation of his master's thesis at Virginia, "The Roots of the Texas Constitution: Settlement to Statehood," appears in the most recent issue of the *Texas Tech Law Review*. Justice Cornyn is the Court liaison to the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society.

**MARK DAVIDSON**  
11TH DISTRICT COURT, HOUSTON

B.A., University of Texas at Austin. J.D., University of Houston. Judge Davidson is one of the most respected trial judges in Texas. Since becoming judge of the 11th District in 1988, Judge Davidson has cut backlog by 60 percent. In 1993, he was named "Trial Judge of the Year" by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists. As judge of Texas' oldest trial court, Judge Davidson has developed a model program for acquainting prospective jurors with the history of the court and an appreciation for their historic role. He recently has taken his historical interests to a wider audience as Chair of the Houston Bar Association's History and Traditions Committee, and as author of a series of historical articles in the *Houston Lawyer*.

**JACK HIGHTOWER**  
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

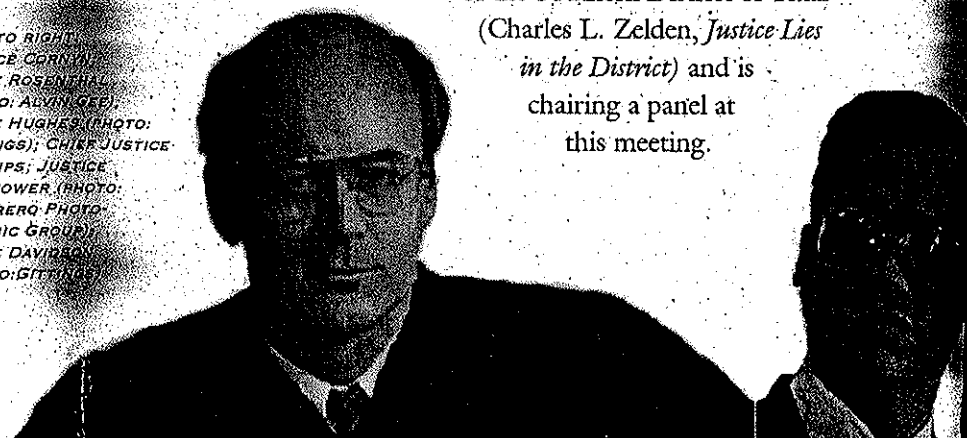
B.A., J.D., Baylor University. LL.M., University of Virginia. Justice Hightower's career includes service in the U.S. Navy in World War II and experience in all three branches of government, as a member of the Texas Senate and Texas and U.S. Houses of Representatives, as an outstanding district attorney and First Assistant Attorney General of Texas, and as a justice of the Texas Supreme Court since 1988. As president of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, Justice Hightower has spearheaded initiatives to preserve and disseminate knowledge of Texas legal history. His most recent project is development of a museum area in the Texas Supreme Court building.

**LYNN N. HUGHES**  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

B.A., University of Alabama. J.D., University of Texas. LL.M., University of Virginia. Judge Hughes' distinguished career includes practice in Houston and service on the state district bench before becoming a federal district judge in 1985. He is a prolific and varied legal author and has taught Constitutional Law, Property, and Law and Economics as an adjunct member of the South Texas College of Law faculty since 1973. Judge Hughes is a member of the Supreme Court Historical Society and a life member of the American Society for Legal History. He was instrumental in arranging for publication of the history of the Southern District of Texas (Charles L. Zelden, *Justice Lies in the District*) and is chairing a panel at this meeting.



LEFT TO RIGHT:  
JUSTICE CORNYN;  
JUDGE ROSENTHAL  
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JUDGE HUGHES (PHOTO:  
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PHILLIPS; JUSTICE  
HIGHTOWER (PHOTO:  
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JUDGE DAVIDSON  
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## THOMAS R. PHILLIPS

CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

*B.A., Baylor University. J.D., Harvard University.* After a career in practice and as a highly rated state district judge in Houston, Chief Justice Phillips in 1988 became the first Republican elected to the Texas Supreme Court since Reconstruction days. A member of the American Law Institute and of the executive committee of the American Judicature Society, Chief Justice Phillips also is slated to become president of the Conference of Chief Justices in 1997. Although administrative and judicial tasks occupy most of his time at present, Chief Justice Phillips also is engaged in a long-term project to compile comprehensive county-by-county election returns for the Republic of Texas. He has combined his love for history and his preeminent position in the Texas judiciary to become an effective advocate for numerous historical projects.

## LEE H. ROSENTHAL

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

*B.A., J.D., University of Chicago.* Lee Hyman Rosenthal was born into the world of legal history and never has managed to escape. After completing her education at the University of Chicago, she clerked for a piece of living legal history, Justice John R. Brown of the "old" U.S. Fifth Circuit. Judge Rosenthal then entered practice in Houston with the city's largest and arguably the state's oldest law firm, Baker & Botts. In 1992, she was appointed as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Judge Rosenthal chairs this meeting's panel on the role of Houston law firms in the development of the state's oil and gas industry.



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