

*The Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation presents*

*Symposium*

**SCHOOL DISCIPLINE: A PATHWAY TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
OR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION?**

**February 20, 2012**

**Thompson Conference Center  
The University of Texas at Austin**

1:00–1:30 pm

**Welcome and Keynote Address**

**Welcome**

Dean Robert Hutchings (LBJ School of Public Affairs)

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker:**

The Hon. Wil Flowers (Chair, Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation Board of Trustees, and Travis County District Judge (ret.))

**Keynote**

**The Hon. Wallace Jefferson, Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court**

1:30–2:45 pm

**Panel 1: Understanding the Current Research and Policy Landscape**

**Dr. Tony Fabelo** (Council of State Governments Justice Center)—“*The Breaking Schools’ Rules* report and school discipline practices”

**Deborah Fowler** (Texas Appleseed)—“School ticketing practices”

**The Hon. John Whitmire** (Texas State Senator, D-Houston, and Chair, Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee)—“Legislative initiatives to address school discipline and ticketing practices”

*Moderator: Prof. Michele Deitch* (LBJ School of Public Affairs and Board Member, Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation)

2:45–3:00 pm

Break

3:00–4:00 pm

**Panel 2: Effective Interventions with Misbehaving Students**

**Frank Vega** (Austin Travis County Integral Care)—“Children’s mental health and the need for trauma-informed interventions”

**Prof. Brenda Scheuermann** (Texas State University)—“Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and a spectrum of effective interventions”

**Chad Perry** (Region 4 Education Service Center, Behavior Management Services)—“An educator’s perspective on dealing effectively with challenging students”

*Moderator: Dr. Lynda Frost* (Hogg Foundation for Mental Health)

4:00–4:45 pm

**Panel 3: Shifting the Culture Surrounding School Discipline:  
Implementing Reforms at the District Level**

*Roundtable Discussion with Travis County Officials:*

**Senior District Judge Jeanne Meurer** (Travis County juvenile judge)

**Rosemary Lehberg** (Travis County District Attorney)

**Mel Waxler** (Austin Independent School District, General Counsel)

*Moderator: Deborah Fowler* (Texas Appleseed)

4:45–5:00 pm

**Closing Remarks**

**Prof. Michele Deitch** (LBJ School of Public Affairs)