

Interim Hearings – Week of January 15, 2018

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January 16

House Committee on [Criminal Jurisprudence](#) **CANCELED**

Charge: Death penalty for defendants with serious mental illness or intellectual and developmental disabilities

- ["Texas Death Penalty Juror Hopes to Change Law as Execution Looms,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, March 28, 2017
- ["Should Death Be So Different?: Sentencing Purposes and Capital Jury Decisions in an Era of Smart on Crime Sentencing Reform,"](#) *70 Arkansas Law Review* 227 (2017)
- ["The 'Of Mice and Men' Rule for Texas Executions,"](#) *The Atlantic*, November 28, 2016
- ["'Outsmarting' Death by Putting Capital Punishment on Life Support: The Need for Uniform State Evaluations of the Intellectually Disabled in the Wake of *Hall v. Florida*,"](#) *81 Brooklyn Law Review* 1683 (2016)
- ["How Texas Keeps Putting the Intellectually Disabled on Death Row,"](#) *New Republic*, May 15, 2014
- ["Evaluating Fairness and Accuracy in State Death Penalty Systems: the Texas Capital Punishment Assessment Report](#) (Ch. 10 – Capital jury instructions), American Bar Association, September 2013
- ["Defining Intellectual Disability and Establishing a Standard of Proof: Suggestions for a National Model Standard,"](#) *23 Health Matrix* 317 (2013)
- [Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 37.071](#), Procedure in Capital Case

January 17

House Committee on [Defense & Veterans' Affairs](#) **CANCELED**

Charge: Impact of Hurricane Harvey related to the Texas Military Department, Emergency Management Council, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management

- [Military Seeks to Learn Lessons of 2017 Hurricane Season](#), United States

Department of Defense, December 11, 2017

- *Updated Hurricane Harvey's Fiscal Impact on State Agencies* (Presented to Senate Finance Committee), Legislative Budget Board, December 2017
- *Texas Emergency Management Executive Guide, FY 2017 Edition*, Texas Department of Public Safety, Revised May 1, 2017
- *Hurricane Harvey 2017* (Videos and stories), Texas Military Department, 2017
- *Agency Strategic Plan Fiscal Years 2017-2021*, Texas Military Department, June 24, 2016
- *Texas Long-Term Recovery Guide*, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management, April 2015

January 18

House Committee on *General Investigating & Ethics* (Houston)

Charge: Oversight of federal, state, local, and charitable funds spent in response to Hurricane Harvey

- *Commission to Rebuild Texas: Issue 14*, The Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas, January 5, 2018
- "Hurricane Relief Tied to Jan. 19 Government Funding Deal," *Houston Chronicle*, January 4, 2018
- *Interim Hearings – Week of January 8, 2018*, House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Disaster Impact and Recovery (Beaumont), Legislative Reference Library, January 3, 2018
- "Nearly \$1 Billion Raised for Rebuilding Texas after Harvey," Associated Press, *San Antonio Express News*, December 28, 2017

House Committee on *Urban Affairs* (Houston)

Topic: Short- and long-term housing needs and related issues resulting from Hurricane Harvey and associated flooding

- "Officials: Harvey Recovery Complicated by Cost and Lack of Temporary Housing," *Houston Chronicle*, November 28, 2017
- "How Much Damage Did Harvey Do to Texas Homes? There May Never Be an Exact Answer," *Texas Tribune*, November 22, 2017
- "HUD Provides \$5 Billion To Help Texas Recover From Harvey," Governor Greg Abbott, November 17, 2017
- *2017 Disaster and Emergency Resource Page for Housing Counselors - Hurricane Harvey*, HUD Exchange, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- *Texas Rebuilds, Hurricane Harvey* (Housing information), Texas General Land Office

