

# What's the Meaning of This?

Making Sense of Statutory Interpretation

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## Roadmap

### Theory

- CCA will observe “time-honored canons” that “esteem TEXTUALISM”
- Fodder to Refute Opponent’s Arguments

### Texas Law: Code Construction Act vs. *Boykin*

### Doing the Interpretive Work

- What to look at, When
- How Canons Relate to Each Other



# Fundamentals

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Legislature

Judiciary

Legislature Makes the Laws

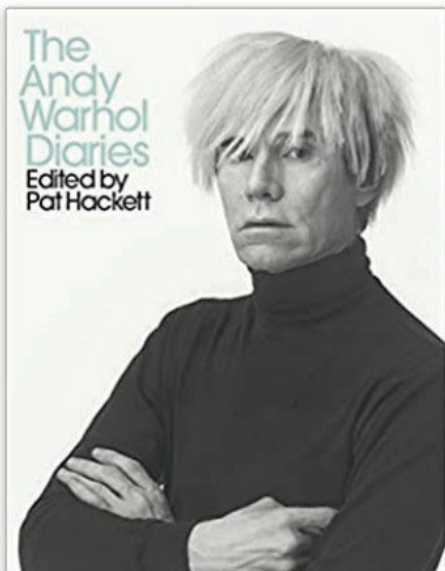
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Warhol was saying chatGPT is going to destroy us all!

# Need for Objectivity

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## Legislators

- Don't speak for everyone
- Can't always anticipate circumstances of how a law could apply
- Can't always agree on how it would apply

→ Legislative History isn't the law

# Danger of Looking to Legislative Record/History

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