

# 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

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# Fundamentals

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Legislature

Judiciary

Legislature Makes the Laws

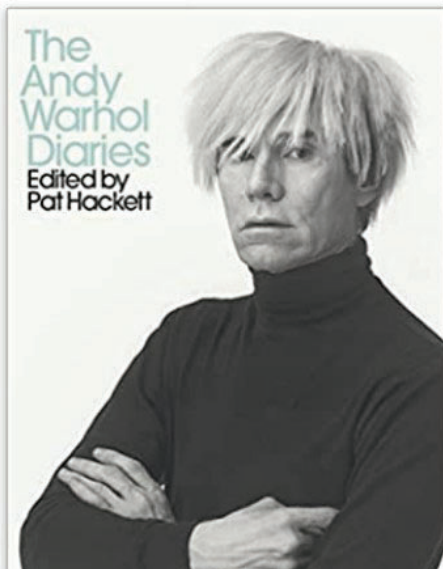
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## Need for Objectivity

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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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