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## Media Advisory

# Press Conference Scheduled Regarding Texas Legal Aid Funding Crisis and Legislative Solutions Wed., Feb. 18, Noon

AUSTIN, Texas—Representatives from the Texas Access to Justice Commission and Foundation, the Supreme Court of Texas and the State Bar of Texas will hold a press conference at noon on Wed., Feb. 18, to discuss a crisis in funding for the Texas legal aid system. Findings from a new report issued by The Perryman Group detailing the economic impact of legal aid on the Texas economy will also be released.

**What:** Press conference regarding funding crisis in the Texas legal aid system

**When:** Wed., Feb. 18, 2009, Noon

**Where:** Texas State Capitol (room number pending)

*The Texas Access to Justice Commission was created in 2001 by the Supreme Court of Texas to develop and implement policy initiatives designed to expand access to and enhance the quality of justice in civil legal matters for low-income Texans. The Commission has created several initiatives to increase resources and awareness of legal aid. For more information, please visit [www.TexasATJ.org](http://www.TexasATJ.org).*

*The Texas Access to Justice Foundation ([www.teajf.org](http://www.teajf.org)), created by the Supreme Court of Texas in 1984, is the primary state-based funding source for the provision of civil legal aid in Texas. The organization is committed to the vision that all Texans will have equal access to justice, regardless of their income. The Foundation administers a variety of funding sources, which are earmarked to assist nonprofit organizations in providing legal aid to approximately 100,000 Texans each year.*