

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

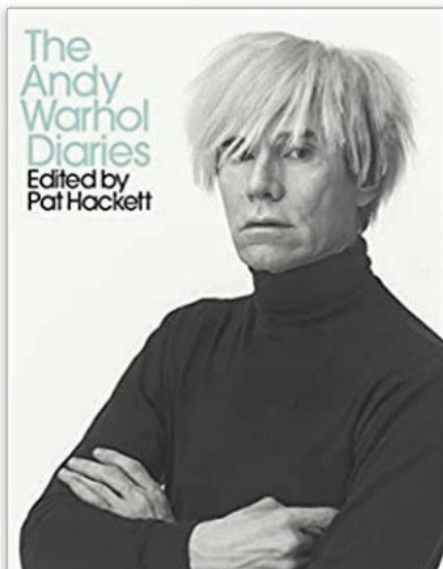
Legislature Makes the Laws

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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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