

Former Judge Prohl

Former Justice Prohl got caught taking a trip to Hawaii using funds from Fund 540. The statement below was written after an article in the Texas Lawyer was published about Fund 540. The following words are by Judge Laura Weiser who also attended the Hawaiian trip with the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

"The Texas Center for the Judiciary deserves the opportunity to continue to provide quality judicial education to the judges of this state with funds from Fund 540. Those funds should be administered fairly and by somebody who has the time and expertise to make decisions based on sound grant administration principles. I hope the Legislature will consider carefully the requests of the three judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals and allow the Texas Center a fair and unbiased opportunity to utilize Fund 540 for the purpose for which it was originally created -- judicial education. No one does that better than TCJ. During my tenure as chair of the Center and Section in 2006 I was privileged to attend the ABA Annual Meeting in Hawaii at which Mari Kay Bickett received the ABA Award for Excellence in Judicial Education. In the same year the Center was also recognized by Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and State Bar President Eduardo Rodriguez for providing excellence in judicial education. So when I say no one does it better, I'm not alone in holding that opinion."

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