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Meet our March 2013 Speaker

**Texas Supreme Court Justice
 Jeffrey S. Boyd**

Jeffrey S. Boyd joined the Court on December 3, 2012, appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to fill Justice Dale Wainwright's unexpired term. Wainwright resigned September 30. Justice Boyd was the governor's chief of staff since September 2011. Before that he was Gov. Perry's general counsel. Boyd is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and earned his law degree *summa cum laude* from Pepperdine University, where he graduated second in his law school class. After graduation he clerked for Judge Thomas M. Reavley on the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.



He spent 15 years with Thompson & Knight L.L.P. in two stints, leaving first in 2000 to join then-Texas Attorney General John Cornyn as deputy attorney general for general litigation and continuing with Attorney General Greg Abbott. He re-joined Thompson & Knight as senior partner in 2003. In January 2011 he left Thompson & Knight to join the Governor's Office as general counsel.

Justice Boyd was named a Texas Super Lawyer for government practice in 2004 and in 2006-2010. He has been a Supreme Court Advisory Committee member since 2003.

He has served as board president and director of Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, as chair and director of Goodwill Industries of Central Texas and as a director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

Before he went to law school, Boyd worked as youth and family minister of the Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ in Austin and was on the Brentwood Christian School board from 1994 to 2000. He and his wife, Jackie, have twin daughters, Hanna and Abbie, and a son, Carter.



Sharon January ,
Bill Crocker(m), Doug Lindgren

Republican National Committee general counsel, Bill Crocker, spoke to the LTRC on February 19. Bill began his program by posing this question to the club, “Who blames the RNC for the Republican Party failing to get a republican in the White House last November?” It appeared that 2/3 of the club were under the impression that the RNC was at least partially responsible. Bill made it clear that the RNC works under the campaign and has very little control over the campaign. He went on to say that the candidate wasn’t perfect but, “the campaign was terrible.” He would like to see the structure between the RNC and the campaign modeled after the Texas model where the Republican Party of Texas can impact and have great impetus over a state run campaign.

Mr. Crocker is very excited to see Reince Priebus in control of the RNC for a second term. Priebus is in favor of restructuring RNC operations in order to effectively steer future campaigns. Priebus is also responsible for turning the RNC’s finances around. When Priebus took over, the RNC owed DC banks \$15 million and had another \$11 million in unpaid debt. Priebus helped raise \$72 million for campaigns. Furthermore, the RNC has no debt and now has over \$4.7 million in the bank. Priebus is also responsible for helping to compile a 500-page notebook that has almost everything that Obama has ever said.

Bill then began to talk about the nation’s debt. In 2012, our national debt grew by \$2.304 trillion taking the National debt to \$16.3 trillion. To give us an idea of how this relates to spending, Bill explained that these figures are equal to a business that has a gross net income of \$5 million and spends \$7.8 million while trying to service a \$36 million debt. These figures are exact correlations to the Federal debt.

Bill ended, before a lengthy Q & A session, with immigration. He said, “Take pride in the fact that Texas Republicans took the lead at the National Convention confronting the immigration issues.” Bill said that securing the border is first and foremost the first thing that must be done. He said, “A fence is not the solution. We need ‘boots on the ground’; agents patrolling the border. We must keep the people that want to do ill-will out of the country.

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