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HON. DEBORAH G. HANKINSON,
Former Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

HON. JOE NIXON,
Texas House of Representatives



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Krost Hall Auditorium

University of Houston Law Center

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2003, Texans will vote on a measure that would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the Legislature to enact caps on non-economic damages in medical malpractice and other actions. **PROponents** of Proposition 12 assert that the amendment is necessary because jury awards have inflated medical malpractice liability insurance—forcing physicians to leave the profession. They also claim it will reduce frivolous lawsuits. **OPponents** of the proposition aver that the amendment can apply to almost any kind of case, that it will not necessarily lower malpractice premiums, and it unconstitutionally treads on the judicial branch of government.



HON. DEBORAH G. HANKINSON, a former justice on the Supreme Court of Texas, is a vocal opponent of Proposition 12. She is a partner in the Dallas law firm of Hankinson & Whitaker LLP, where she practices civil appellate law. She is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation. Hankinson is also a member of the American Law Institute.



HON. JOE NIXON, a State Representative, serves House District 133 in Houston and authored H.B. 4, “The Tort Reform Bill.” He is a shareholder in the Houston law firm of Phillips & Akers, P.C. and is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law. Nixon has served as general counsel for the Republican Party of Harris County and has represented the Republican Party of Texas as its attorney in an election challenge before the Supreme Court of Texas.

