

## Laura Prather Moderates Panel on the Future of the Texas Public Information Act and FOI legislative efforts

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Recent Texas Supreme Court decisions will be key to Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas (FOIFT) legislative efforts in 2017, according to a recent panel discussion moderated by Haynes Boone Partner [Laura Prather](#), the organization's legislative co-chair.

The panel presented thoughts about legislative efforts designed to improve access to public records held in private email accounts and ways to use technology to make the Public Information Act more efficient.

The event at the annual foundation state conference featured Rep. Todd Hunter (R-Corpus Christi); Justin Gordon, chief of the Open Records Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office; Zindia Thomas, assistant general counsel with the Texas Municipal League; and Chip Stewart, a TCU associate dean and journalism professor.

Prather focuses her practice on First Amendment, Anti-SLAPP, intellectual property and media and entertainment litigation and appeals. She has significant government relations experience as an advocate at the Texas Legislature on First Amendment and open government concerns.

In her practice, Laura advises an extensive array of content providers including online and traditional newspapers, magazines, radio and broadcasters, cable television stations, production companies and music and sports entities.

She was instrumental in the passage of the three most significant pieces of First Amendment legislation in recent history in Texas – the reporters' privilege, the Texas Citizens Participation Act, and the Defamation Mitigation Act.

To view a video of the panel, please [click here](#).