

**The University of Texas School of Law
Eidman Courtroom**

10:00-11:15 am The Voting Rights Act

With the Voting Rights Act reauthorization on the horizon, panelists will discuss the importance of this process and how it will affect the Latino community. Panelists will provide an in-depth analysis of Latino voting trends and the issues they faced in the past election.

Moderator: Casandra Cascos, Editor-in-Chief,
Texas Hispanic Journal of Law & Policy

Panel: Lydia Camarillo, Southwest Voter Registration
Steve Bickerstaff, Professor of Law
Nina Perales, MALDEF

11:30-12:30 pm Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Commissioner Ray Martinez, Election Assistance Commission

12:45-2:00 pm The Help America Vote Act

With the country recovering from the 2004 election, the Latino community is reflecting on the voting process. Panelists will discuss the impact of HAVA on Latinos and other historically disenfranchised communities.

Moderator: Anna Maria Mendez, Staff Member
Texas Hispanic Journal of Law & Policy

Panel: Jessica Munoz, National Council of La Raza
Jim Harrington, Texas Civil Rights Project
Ann McGeehan, Texas Secretary of State – Elections Division

2:15-3:30 pm The Relationship between Latino Political Participation and Former Felon Re-enfranchisement

Efforts to develop a successful Brown-Black coalition have been undertaken in Texas to re-enfranchise formerly incarcerated persons. Panelists will examine those efforts and explore possibilities of continued development within the Latino community.

Moderator: Luis Figueroa, MALDEF

Panel: Joyce Ann Brown, MASS
David Urias, MALDEF
Terri Hodge, Texas State Representative