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April 30, 2012 (Austin)--The Texas Civil Justice League Political Action Committee (TCJL PAC) today endorsed Chief Justice Tom Gray for re-election to the 10<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals based in Waco.

"We are proud to endorse Chief Justice Gray for re-election to the 10<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals," said John Fainter, Chairman of the TCJL Board of Directors and TCJL PAC Advisory Committee. "He has served the Texas judiciary with integrity and distinction. We are fortunate to have a public servant of Chief Justice Gray's stature and experience in this critically important judicial office."

Chief Justice Gray was first elected as a justice of the 10<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals in 1999. Four years later, the voters elected him Chief Justice of the Court. A graduate of Sam Houston State University and Baylor University School of Law, Justice Gray has proven to be a strong leader on the court. Under his leadership, the 10th Court of Appeals has been able to make budget reductions requested by Governor Perry and the Legislature without having to fire any staff or reduce the services provided by the court or the speed at which the Court issued its opinions.

"Chief Justice Gray believes in judicial restraint and a strict application of the law as written by the Legislature," said Carol Sims, TCJL PAC Treasurer. "We are proud to have supported him in each of his previous elections for the 10<sup>th</sup> Court, and he deserves our enthusiastic and unqualified support for re-election."

Formed in 1986, the TCJL PAC supports statewide, legislative, and judicial candidates, regardless of party affiliation, who are committed to creating and maintaining a fair and efficient Texas civil justice system. It has more than 5,000 members in Texas.

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