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By Greg Berman and Julian Adler

Analyzes various successful criminal justice reform programs and initiatives that could help redefine what justice looks like in America. Points out that no one "silver bullet" exists that could single-handedly reform the American justice system; however, there are proven reforms that could impact and improve the lives of justice-involved individuals right now rather than simply locking them away.

The New Press, 2018. 211 pages.

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By Daniel P. Tokaji, Charles W. Ebersold, and Florence Whitcomb

Offers a brief survey of election law's development over time.

Highlights key court cases and issues that have shaped voting rights and elections in the United States.

West Academic Publishing, 2017. 330 pages.

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3. Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black People in America from the Civil War to World War II

By Douglas A. Blackmon

Presents a Pulitzer Prize-winning examination of how American slavery continued, even after the Emancipation Proclamation, in the form of forced labor without compensation, buying and selling of labor, physical coercion, and leasing convicts. Describes primary documents and personal narratives of African Americans arrested and forced into labor in the U.S. economic system in the 20th century.

Doubleday, 2008. 403 pages.

305.896 B566S 2008

4. Once Upon a Time in Texas: A Liberal in the Lone Star State

By David Richards

Examines in a heartfelt and humorous memoir the four decades David Richards devoted to civil rights, voter rights, labor law, school finance reform, and general civil liberties in Texas, as an attorney and former husband of Governor Ann Richards. Describes a small but vibrant group of liberal activists and politicians fighting for social justice from the 1950s to the 1990s in a very conservative state.

University of Texas Press, 2002. 275 pages.

942.085 R390N 2002

5. Interim Report to the 86th Texas Legislature

By House Select Committee on Economic Competitiveness

Summarizes the select committee's work examining how Texas can remain competitive in attracting and retaining private sector businesses. Includes a list of public hearing witnesses, analysis of factors contributing to Texas' business environment, letters from businesses and organizations, and recommendations for continued improvement.

House Select Committee on Economic Competitiveness, 2018. 50 pages.

Online at: <https://irl.texas.gov/scanned/interim/85/Ec74hc.pdf>

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6. Report to the 86th Legislature

By Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security

Provides an overview of testimony and discussion heard by the select committee as it explored various approaches to reducing violence in schools and improving school security. Concludes each interim charge's section with the committee's policy recommendations.

Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security, 2018. 30 pages.

Online at:

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