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### **Former justices of nation's, state's highest courts in Austin**

When former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor visited the [Texas Senate](#) today, a former chief justice of the state Supreme Court was in her entourage. Tom Phillips, now a partner in Baker Botts in Austin, was among those escorting O'Connor around the Capitol and Austin, including a visit to the [Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum](#). O'Connor, who stepped down from the nation's highest court in 2006, is a Texas native. During her stopover in the Senate, O'Connor made a plea with regard to Alzheimer's, the disease which has afflicted her husband, John. As reported by [The Quorum Report](#), O'Connor told state senators, "We need a national focus on this disease. And we need the cooperation here at the state level."

-- *Mary Alice Robbins*