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## More about Dottie

For more than 30 years Dottie has worked with the three branches of Texas state government to achieve evidence-informed criminal justice policy. She has led state-wide studies documenting the school-to-prison pipeline and evaluating strategies for high-quality and cost-effective indigent defense. She is currently evaluating the cost impacts of bail reform following the landmark federal court ruling in *ODonnell et al v. Harris County* (2020).

[Dottie's CV](#)

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## Career Highlights

We asked Dottie to highlight five career accomplishments. She listed the following:

1. *Cited by SCOTUS Justice David Suter in Rothgery v. Gillespie County (2008) which established arrestees' right to an attorney at the probable cause hearing*
2. *Cited in 3 amicus briefs for the US Supreme Court Case, Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin (2016), in defense of race-conscious admission policies*
3. *Awarded the State Bar of Texas Michael K. Moore Award for Excellence in Research in Indigent Criminal Defense (2015)*
4. *Cited by President Barak Obama when announcing his "My Brother's Keeper" initiative (2014)*
5. *Over \$20 million in funded research; top 5% of funded researchers in the Texas A&M University System*

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