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Robert S. Davis is a Senior Partner at Flowers Davis PLLC and oversees the Business and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Defense, Defense of Governmental Entities, Employment Law, and Medical Liability Sections of the firm.

Robert has extensive experience in representing governmental entities and government officials in all types of litigation. He also has extensive experience in first party and third party litigation for major insurance carriers, drafting coverage opinions for insurance carriers, and in medical malpractice litigation for private practitioners as well as county health authorities. Since co-founding Flowers Davis in 1994, Mr. Davis has tried 99 jury trials in state and federal court to verdict, and he has handled 159 appellate cases at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit during that same period. Since he started keeping such records in 2008, Robert has filed 93 successful Motions for Summary Judgment and Motions to Dismiss for governmental entities and has won 20 successful bench trials during the same period.

Robert began his legal career as a Briefing Attorney to the Honorable Justice Sue LaGarde, 5th Judicial District Court of Appeals in Dallas, Texas from 1988 to 1989. Afterwards, he was appointed as Law Clerk to United States District Judge William M. Steger from 1989 to 1991.

During law school, Robert served as the assistant legislative liaison for Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade and his successor, Dallas District Attorney John Vance. While working for Mr. Wade, Robert wrote a paper on recidivism and the need for increased prison capacity that was published by the Texas Governor’s Office, and excerpts of the paper were published by the major news media in Texas. Through the years, Robert has written many papers for and made numerous presentations to entities such as the State Bar of Texas, Texas Sheriff’s Association, Texas Association of Counties, Texas Jail Association, the Jail Management Institute of Sam Houston State University, and Texas Chief Deputies’ Association.

Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Defense of Governmental Entities, Employment Law, Insurance Defense, Medical Liability

<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1988 • Trinity University, Bachelor of Science, History, 1985 <p>Bar Admissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Bar of Texas, 1988 <p>Court Admissions</p>	<p>Honors & Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Bar of Texas, Three-Time Recipient of the Pro Bono Award for helping indigent citizens <p>Memberships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith County Bar Association, Director, 2005-2006 and State Bar Fellow, 2006 • Gregg County Bar Association • Harrison County Bar Association • Eastern District of Texas Bar Association
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (1990) • United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1991) • United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1991) • United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1995) • United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (2006) • United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit (1991) • Supreme Court of the United States (1998) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifth Circuit Bar Association • The Bar Association for the United States Supreme Court • Defense Research Institute • Smith County Young Lawyers Association, Past President, 1994-1995 • Eastern District of Texas Historical Committee, Past Co-Chairman, 1996-1997 <p>Community Involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Association of Counties, Regional Counsel • East Texas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, General Counsel and Board Member, six years • Robert is active in his church and several non-profit organizations
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Articles and Publications

"Liability Issues in Texas Jails," Jail Management Institute 2007, Sam Houston State University

"Federal Law Update," State Bar of Texas, 2007 Suing and Defending Governmental Entities

"Liability Issues in Law Enforcement," 2007 Chief Deputies Conference

"Liability Issues in Law Enforcement," Sheriff's Association of Texas 2006

"Civil vs. Criminal Liability for School District Employees," 2006 Texas Association of School Board's Risk Management Fund Members' Conference

"Bail Bond Handbook," Texas Association of Counties, 2007

"Jail School," Chief Deputies Conference, June 2005, 2006 and 2007, and Texas Jail Association Annual Conference, 2005, 2006 and 2007

"House Bill 4 The Newest Version of Tort Reform," State Bar of Texas; Suing & Defending Governmental Entities 2004

"Winning Writing: Summary Judgment Practice in Texas State Courts," State Bar of Texas, Suing & Defending Governmental Entities 2003

"Bail Bonds: Emerging Liability Issues," 1999 Regional Law Enforcement Workshop Series, February 1999

Co Author, "Jail Litigation: From Class Action Lawsuits to Pro Se Litigation," 1999 Fall Law Enforcement Regional Workshops Mitigating Liability in County Jails, November 1999

"Civil Rights Litigation Update," Texas Association of Counties, Northeast Texas Seminar, August 29, 1998

"Anatomy of a Law Enforcement Lawsuit," County Management Institute Seminar, April 8, 1998

"Jail Litigation: From Pro Se Lawsuits to Class Actions," State Bar of Texas Seminar Suing and Defending Governmental Entities, 1997

"Bail Bond Forfeitures," Northern and Eastern County Judges Association of Texas, 1997

"A Court Divided: The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Politics of Judicial Reform," 52 TEX. B. J. 706 (1989)(book review)

"The Choice: Increased Prison Capacity or Increased Recidivism," published by the Governor's Office of the State of Texas, 1986

"Using Abstract Questions to Develop Critical Thinking Skills in Social Studies," Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Inc. 1984

"Selecting a United States President in 1984," McGraw Hill Book Company, 1984.