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Melanie Reyes-Rawls joined Flowers Davis in September 2004, and currently focuses in the areas of property law including oil and gas title opinions, expert oil and gas consulting and real estate transactions. She is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization\* in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law and is licensed to practice law in both Texas and New Mexico. Melanie primarily represents national and international petroleum companies in rendering drilling and division order title opinions.

In addition, Melanie assists individuals with estate planning, such as drafting wills and trusts, powers of attorney, advanced directives and Transfer on Death Deeds. She has further handled numerous real property-related appeals, litigation matters, and eminent domain proceedings.

After graduating in the top 10% of her law school class, Melanie started her legal career working as a Briefing Attorney to the Honorable Justices James Baker and Michael H. Schneider of the Texas Supreme Court. She then worked for the Dallas firm Thompson & Knight LLP, where she practiced in the Litigation department, focusing in the areas of oil and gas, antitrust, appellate, and intellectual property law.

Outside of work, Melanie enjoys music, cooking, gardening, deep-sea fishing, yoga, and spending time with family and friends.

\*The Board Certification process is rigorous and thorough with stringent, ongoing requirements after initial certification. As of July 2019, fewer than 7% of all Texas attorneys are Board Certified in any area of the law.

Practice Areas: Estate Planning - Wills & Trusts, Oil & Gas Title Opinions, Oil & Gas Expert Consulting, Real Estate Transactions

<p><b>Bar Admissions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Bar of Texas, 2003</li> <li>• State Bar of New Mexico, 2018</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Certifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, since 2014</li> </ul> <p><b>Court Admissions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U. S. District Court, Northern District of Texas</li> </ul>	<p><b>Certifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas Real Estate Commission MCE Instructor</li> </ul> <p><b>Memberships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Section of the Texas State Bar</li> <li>• Appellate Section of the Texas State Bar</li> <li>• Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law (NREEL) Section of the State Bar of New Mexico</li> </ul>
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<b>Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Tulsa College of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 2002</li> <li>Oklahoma State University/Langston, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 1999</li> </ul>	<b>Honors and Awards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Jurisprudence Award, Legal Writing and Research</li> <li>American Jurisprudence Award Civil Procedure II</li> <li>American Jurisprudence Award, International Business Transactions</li> <li>American Jurisprudence Award, Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating</li> </ul>
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## Publications & Presentations

TEXAS STATE BAR ADVANCED OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COURSE, “Adverse Possession Law in the State of Texas”, September 2019, presented by Melanie Reyes-Rawls.

EAST TEXAS SOCIETY OF COPAS (The Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies, Inc.), “Cost-Free Royalty – Where Valuation Begins and Post-Production Cost Deductions End”, August 2019. Based on a paper written by Celia C. Flowers & Melanie S. Reyes, presented by Melanie Reyes-Rawls.

EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEASE AND TITLE ANALYSTS FALL SEMINAR, “Drilling vs. Division Order Title Opinions”, October 2018, Tyler, TX, Melanie S. Reyes and Rob Knight.

EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMAN SPRING SEMINAR; “Horizontal Wells Crossing Unit Lines --- From Permitting to Division of Royalties”, April 2017, Tyler, Texas, Celia C. Flowers, Melanie S. Reyes and Rob Knight.

EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEASE AND TITLE ANALYSTS FALL SEMINAR; “Cost-Free Royalties – Where Valuation begins and Post-Production Cost Deductions End”, November 2016, Tyler, Texas, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes.

OIL, GAS & ENERGY RESOURCES LAW 101 COURSE; “Conveyance and Reservations of Mineral and Royalty Interests”, September 28, 2016, Houston, Texas, written by William B. Buford, updated and presented by Melanie S. Reyes.

60th AAPL ANNUAL MEETING AND EDUCATION SESSIONS – “We Have to Drill This Well Somewhere-A Survey of Surface Issues Across the Nation”, June 2014, Montreal, Canada, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2013 REAL ESTATE DRAFTING ARTICLE, March 2013, “Avoiding the Unintended Consequence When Drafting Mineral Reservations”, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2011 SECTION REPORT OF THE OIL, GAS & ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS, June 2011, “The Proof is in the Public Record...or is it? Navigating Evidentiary Issues Related to Texas Railroad Commission Documents”, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie Reyes

2009 TEXAS LAND AND TITLE INSTITUTE, November 2009, “Surface Use by Mineral Owners: The Title Insurance Solution,” Celia Flowers and Melanie Reyes

2009 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMEN SEMINAR, February 2009, “Pitfalls in Title Examination: The Intricate Relationship Between Real Property Rights and Ownership,” Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes Bruce

2007 REVIEW OF OIL AND GAS LAW XXII, Energy Law Section Dallas Bar Association, August 17, 2007, “Exercising the Power of Eminent Domain,” Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2007 TEXAS LAND AND TITLE INSTITUTE, November 2007, “Minerals: Examination and Coverage Issues,” Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2006 OIL, GAS & MINERAL LAW INSTITUTE, “Protecting and Defending Your Mineral Title”, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie Reyes