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Celia C. Flowers is a Senior Partner in Flowers Davis PLLC and oversees the Oil & Gas, Real Estate and Civil Litigation Sections. Celia is quadruple-Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the areas of Oil & Gas Law, Residential Real Estate Law, Property Owners Association Law and Civil Trial Law. Board Certification is the highest, most public commitment to excellence in specific areas of the law. As of July 2019, 0.0086% of all active Texas attorneys are certified in four separate areas (nine out of 103,342), making this a most distinguished accomplishment.

Celia's practice is focused on oil and gas matters, business and commercial litigation and real estate. She prepares title opinions, settles or litigates surface damage disputes, conducts receivership proceedings and pipeline condemnation proceedings, and litigates contracts. In addition to her law practice, Ms. Flowers owns East Texas Title Companies, licensed in eighteen East Texas Counties. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Flowers was a petroleum landman for approximately ten years.

The depth of Ms. Flowers' expertise in the oil and gas, real estate and title insurance fields, along with her experience as a small business owner makes her uniquely qualified to advocate for her clients, her industries and her community. Her clients appreciate her deep understanding of the intertwining and complex issues that are often present in a single case.

Celia's industries have honored her many times with board memberships, leadership positions, and invitations to speak out on national or statewide issues before the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Texas Department of Insurance, among others. Since 2011, she has served on the Texas Title Examination Standards Board, which formulates, develops, comments on and amends title examination standards for the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section (REPTL) and for the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. In addition, Celia's clients and peers have ranked her at the highest level of professional excellence (5.0 out of 5.0 in each area of evaluation), earning her an AV Preeminent[®] rating by Martindale Hubbell since 2014. Thomson Reuters has named her a Texas Super Lawyer since 2020. Celia is a Fellow in the College of the State Bar of Texas, an honorary society of lawyers who are among the best trained attorneys in Texas, having completed at least double the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) required by the State Bar of Texas. She is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), an invitation-only organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the civil jury trial right provided by the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Celia regularly provides CLE training to Texas attorneys and MCE courses for East Texas Realtors. She is a frequent speaker to Landmen and Lenders throughout the area, keeping them abreast of legislative, real estate and mineral issues.

FLOWERS DAVIS Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain/Condemnation, Oil & Gas Litigation, Oil & Gas Title Opinions, Real Estate Law, Real Estate Litigation, Transactions, Acquisitions & Development

Bar Admissions	Memberships
State Bar of Texas, 1990	Fellow in the College of the State Bar of Texas
State Bar of Pennsylvania, 2012	Texas Board of Legal Specialization
	State Bar of Texas
Board Certifications	Rusk County Bar Association
Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Oil Gas and Mineral	Gregg County Bar Association
Law, since 1997	Van Zandt County Bar Association
Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Residential Real Estate	Smith County Bar Association
Law, since 2000	International Right of Way Association
Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Civil Trial Law, since	East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen
2002	American Association of Petroleum Landmen
Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Property Owners	Oil & Gas Council of the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law
Association Law, since 2019	Section of the State Bar of Texas
	Independent Title Agents of Texas (2011-2012 President)
Court Admissions	American Land Title Association
US District Court, Eastern District of Texas	ALTA RESPA Implementation Task Force ALTA Executive Committee, Abstractors and Title Insurance
US District Court, Northern District of Texas	Section
	Small Business Review Panel to the Consumer Financial
Education	Protection Bureau
Baylor University School of Law, J. D., 1990	Texas Title Examinations Standards Board (since 2011)
University of Texas at Tyler, undergraduate studies, honors	Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section (REPTL) of the
Tyler Junior College, A.A., 1987, summa cum laude	State Bar of Texas
,	Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar
Extracurricular	of Texas
Order of Barristers	Texas Land Title Association (Board of Directors since
Baylor Law School Honors List	2004; President 2008-2009)
Carlton J. Smith Scholarship	Texas Real Estate Commission-certified Instructor
Clifton Cummings Scholarship	(Provider 0478)
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities	American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), since 2022
Dean's List	
National Dean's List	Honors and Awards
President's Honor Roll	Rated AV Preeminent [®] on Martindale.com and
Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society	Lawyers.com, with 5.0 out of 5.0 client and peer ranking,
	since 2014
Community Involvement	Selected by Thomson Reuters as a Texas Super Lawyer,
Azleway Board	2020, 2021
Cattle Baron's Ball	East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen Pioneer
Texas Rose Festival	Award, 2013
Women's Symphony League	Greater Tyler Association of Realtors Affiliate of the Year,
Boys & Girls Club	2013 Towas Land Title Association Title Derson of the Year 2011
Boy Scouts Luncheon	Texas Land Title Association Title Person of the Year, 2011
Mistletoe and Magic	East Taxas Association of Petroloum Landmon Provident's
	East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen President's
Habitat for Humanity	Award, 2011
Habitat for Humanity Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	

FLOWERS DAVIS Articles, Publications & Presentations

2022 STATE BAR OF TEXAS OIL, GAS & MINERAL TITLE EXAMINATION CLE, "Examining the 'Life' of a Correction Instrument After *Broadway Bank* and *Concho*", June 2022, Paper and Presentation, Celia C. Flowers

2020 STATE BAR OF TEXAS OIL, GAS & MINERAL TITLE EXAMINATION CLE, "Electronic Signatures, Remote Online Notaries and E-Recording", June 2020, Paper and Presentation, Celia C. Flowers

2019 TEXAS LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION (TLTA) CLE, "Boundary Line Agreements and Easements", December 2019, San Antonio, Texas, Celia C. Flowers

2019 AMERICAN LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION (ALTA) – ALTA ONE & ANNUAL CONVENTION, "Texas Title Agents are Rocking with RON", October 2019, Austin, TX, James L. Anderson, III, Aaron Day, Celia C. Flowers, Rick Triola

2019 65TH ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINERAL LAW INSTITUTE – "Where is the Original? How does Electronic Signatures, Online Notaries and E-Recording Change our Record Driven Industry...or does it?", July 2019, Monterey, California, Celia C. Flowers

2019 AMERICAN LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION (ALTA), LARGE AGENTS GROUP – Remote Online Notary (RON) Demonstration, January 2019, Boca Raton, FL, Celia C. Flowers

2018 TEXAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION MCE, "Mediation v. Litigation", December 2018, presented to Texas Realtors in various East Texas Locations, Celia C. Flowers

2018 TEXAS LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION (TLTA) eClosing Live Lab – "What is the Legal Basis for RON?", December 2018, San Antonio, Texas, Roland Love and Celia C. Flowers

2018 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMEN, "Title Issues for Landmen", July 2018, Tyler, TX, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2017 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEASE AND TITLE ANALYSTS SPRING SEMINAR – "Mineral or Royalty Interest? Fixed or Floating?", based on a paper drafted by St Mary's University Professor Laura Burney, used with permission. April 2017, Tyler, TX, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2017 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEASE AND TITLE ANALYSTS SPRING SEMINAR – "Horizontal Wells Crossing Unit Lines: From Permitting to the Division of Royalties", April 2017, Tyler, TX, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2017 "Horizontal Wells Crossing Unit Lines: From Permitting to the Division of Royalties", April 2017, paper by Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2017 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEASE AND TITLE ANALYSTS SPRING SEMINAR – "Surface Site Issues with Horizontal Wells", April 2017, Tyler, TX, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2017 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEASE AND TITLE ANALYSTS SPRING SEMINAR - "

2016 "Cost-Free Royalties: Where Valuation Begins and Post-Production Cost Deductions End", December 2016, paper by Celia Flowers and Melanie Reyes

2016 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMEN, "Mineral or Royalty Interest? Fixed or Floating?", October 2016, Tyler, TX, Celia C. Flowers and Melanie S. Reyes

2014 & 2015 ADVANCED OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW – "Ethical Considerations-Trilogy of Working Together as Lawyers and Landmen for the Good of the Client", October 2014 & 2015, Houston, Texas, Celia C. Flowers

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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

2014 TEXAS LAND TITLE INSTITUTE - "Minerals--Practice Tips for Leases and Surface Use Agreements", December 2014, San Antonio, Texas, Celia C. Flowers

2013 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN FIELD LANDMAN SEMINAR, September 2013, Field Landman Ethics, Celia C. Flowers

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

2012 TEXAS LAND TITLE INSTITUTE, December 2012, "CFPB – The New Disclosure Form and Its Requirements", Celia C. Flowers

2012 SECTION REPORT OF THE 30TH ANNUAL ADVANCED OIL, BAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW COURSE, October 2012, "The Before and After – an Update of the Eminent Domain Changes", Celia C. Flowers

2012, TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS CONFERENCE, September 2012, Presentation "Access to the Surface of Property for Oil and Gas Activities – Dispelling the Many Myths", Celia C. Flowers

2012, TEXAS REALTOR MAGAZINE, "Expert Advice on Negotiating Mineral Rights", Celia C. Flowers

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

2011 TEXAS REALTOR MAGAZINE, May 2011, "It's the Little Things", Celia C. Flowers, Contributor

2009 TEXAS LAND AND TITLE INSTITUTE, November 2009, "Surface Use by Mineral Owners: The Title Insurance Solution," Celia Flowers, Melanie Reyes-Bruce, and Eric Schmalbach

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, Melanie S. Reyes, and Meredith N. Todd

2006 OIL, GAS & MINERAL LAW INSTITUTE, "Protecting and Defending Your Mineral Title", Celia C. Flowers

2004 STATE BAR OF TEXAS CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR: SUING AND DEFENDING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, November 2004, "Exercising the Power of Eminent Domain", Celia C. Flowers

2002 INTERNATIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ASSOCIATION, NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER 36, "Right-of-Way Condemnation", Celia C. Flowers

2002 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMEN, April 2002, "Legal Updates", Celia C. Flowers

Panelist for the 25th Annual Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Course: A Panel Perusing the Perfectly Perplexing Problems of Pipelines

Speaker for the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors Conferences in 2008 and 2009