



Firm Resume

Insurance Defense & Litigation Focus

This document focuses on the attorneys who practice Insurance Defense and in areas of the law related to Insurance Defense as of the date below. A complete list of practice areas and firm attorneys can be found at the [end of this document](#). For a comprehensive view of all practice areas and attorneys, please visit [FlowersDavis](#)).

Firm Overview

Based in Tyler, Texas, Flowers Davis PLLC is a multi-disciplinary law firm devoted to providing the highest quality legal services to clients in a prompt and efficient manner. The Firm was founded in 1994 by Senior Partners Celia C. Flowers and Robert S. Davis, and practice areas have developed around their areas of expertise.

Celia Flowers is quadruple-Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the areas of Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Real Estate Law, Property Owner Association Law, and Civil Litigation. Only nine out of 103,000+ active attorneys in the State of Texas are Board Certified in four areas of the law, making this a most distinguished accomplishment. Under Celia's guidance, the Firm's oil and gas and real estate practices were established; they range from oil and gas litigation to the preparation of title opinions to curing real estate title to document preparation and real estate closings.

Robert Davis leads the insurance defense, public entities and first party insurance litigation sections of the Firm, where Flowers Davis attorneys represent major insurance carriers in first- and third-party litigation, as well as counties, cities and law enforcement organizations. Robert has personally tried more than 100 cases in state and federal court to verdict, and he has been lead counsel in 198 appellate cases at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He also handles state court appellate cases.

Both Senior Partners are involved in business and commercial litigation matters.

Attorneys within the Firm represent almost 20 different practice areas, and many have backgrounds in industry or public service, giving them practical, working knowledge of the issues their clients face. This uniquely positions Flowers Davis as a one-stop legal shop for many individuals and entities.

Flowers Davis: Your Best Choice for Insurance Defense in East Texas

Flowers Davis is uniquely positioned to handle full-service insurance matters in East Texas and beyond. We handle property and casualty cases, premise liability, construction, property damage, oil and gas, title and realtor E&O, other real estate cases including eminent domain, automobile and trucking accidents, third party and first party insurance (uninsured motorist, hail damage roofing cases, bad faith and insurance code violations, agent liability) cases, as well as professional liability, business and commercial litigation, and employment law.

Seven of the Firm's attorneys have a primary focus on Insurance Defense. Five attorneys are admitted to practice before all four United States District Courts in the State of Texas. Nine others are admitted to at least one US District Court. Five of our attorneys can represent clients in the US Supreme Court and six can argue before the US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

While the Firm offers 15 litigators to serve our clients in various areas of the law, a few have earned noteworthy memberships and certifications.

Senior Partners Celia Flowers and Robert Davis, along with Partner Chad Rook, are members of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), an invitation-only organization. ABOTA members must have at least five years of active experience as trial lawyers, have tried at least ten civil jury trials to conclusion and possess additional litigation experience. They must also exhibit the virtues of civility, integrity and professionalism by following ABOTA's Code of Professionalism and Principles of Civility.

In addition, Senior Partner Celia Flowers and Partner Preston McGee are Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the area of Civil Trial Law. The Board Certification process is rigorous and thorough (minimum years of experience, at least 30% substantial involvement in civil trial law, at least 15 civil trials that meet substantive requirements, and qualified vetted references from judges and lawyers in the area) 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; both Preston and Celia are Board Certified in more than one area. Preston is also Board Certified in Personal Injury Law, a practice area that overlaps significantly with Insurance Defense. While he practices in a number of different areas, in recent years his caseload has included an increasing number of construction lawsuits, where he has obtained positive outcomes for contractors and sub-contractors sued by commercial or governmental entities. Celia's additional Board Certifications include Oil, Gas & Mineral Law, Residential Real Estate Law, and Property Owners Association Law. Her civil litigation practice primarily focuses on business and commercial matters as well as oil and gas and real estate matters.

No other firm in the East Texas area can beat the depth and breadth of business, insurance defense, public entity defense and construction experience offered by Flowers Davis. No other firm in the East Texas area can outperform the attorneys at Flowers Davis. We have a proven track record in insurance defense, as well as in the primary industries served by major insurance companies: oil and gas, auto, trucking, real estate, residential/homeowners, business and commercial, construction, property damage and premise liability. We also boast East Texas' only patent prosecutor, for your intellectual property needs. Because Flowers Davis is a full-service law firm, we can handle matters requiring experience outside the direct scope of insurance defense in a very efficient manner by engaging and coordinating Firm attorneys as needed to meet client needs.

We look forward to earning your business!



Insurance Defense | Related Practice Areas

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They describe the range of services offered by the firm in the Insurance and related sectors as of the date of this document.*

Additional practice areas are listed at the [end of this document](#).

Individual attorneys may offer representation in a subset of a listed practice area.

See individual attorney profiles for their specific practice areas.

Visit [FlowersDavis](#) for more information.

Insurance Defense

The Insurance Defense Attorneys at Flowers Davis are active in defending both third party and first party claims for a number of major insurance carriers. From our Tyler and Longview offices, we have active litigation files involving property and casualty, automobile and trucking liability, premises liability, commercial liability, general liability and builder's risk liability. We also provide direct representation of insurance carriers in first party litigation and we provide carriers with coverage opinions.

Practicing Staff: [Lee Correa](#), [Robert Davis](#), [Jack Fulgham](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Chad Rook](#), [Robin O'Donoghue](#)
Of Counsel: Steve Mason

Business and Commercial Litigation

Flowers Davis Business and Commercial Litigation Attorneys are active in litigating on behalf of clients involving many aspects of business and commercial law. At this time, the primary commercial litigation matters concern disputes between lenders and borrowers, general business, contract litigation, and collection matters.

As Texas continues to rank in the top five US states in both GDP and population growth, the firm is involved in an increasing number of construction lawsuits. These lawsuits typically involve large commercial or governmental entities filing suits against contractors or subcontractors. Construction litigation can also involve property owners and developers and any other party involved in designing, developing, lending or insuring the construction of public and private projects.

As a part of business litigation, we handle cases involving the defense of clients accused of violations of consumer law, including deceptive trade practices (DTPA) litigation. Both of our Partners, Celia Flowers and Robert Davis, are active in this area, as well as many other attorneys throughout the firm.

Practicing Staff: [Shannon Barber](#), [Mitch Beard](#), [Lee Correa](#), [Robert Davis](#), [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Chad Rook](#)
Of Counsel: Tom Buchanan, Steve Mason, Jason Nash

Oil and Gas Litigation

Oil and gas disputes are complex and may be governed by state tort law, real estate law, and a range of other acts, laws and regulations, depending on location and other factors. The firm's Oil and Gas Litigation section handles disputes involving minerals, lease rights, and JOAs. Led by Celia C. Flowers, who is quadruple-Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization including the area of Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, the Oil and Gas Litigators at Flowers Davis are experienced at litigating matters including royalty disputes, contract disputes, injunctions, and surface damage claims. Based out of Tyler, Texas, members of the team also address matters related to right of way acquisition, including condemnation for pipeline companies, power companies and cities.

Our clients have included:

- Major oil and gas companies
- Pipeline companies
- Service providers and contractors
- Owners of oil and gas interests
- Landowners

Practicing Staff: [Shannon Barber](#), [Mitch Beard](#), [Lee Correa](#), [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Laci Stovall](#)
Of Counsel: Tom Buchanan, Jason Nash

Defense of Governmental Entities

Flowers Davis' Attorneys practicing in the Defense of Governmental Entities section have represented over 45 counties and several cities and school districts throughout Texas. From our Tyler, Texas offices, we represent individual government officials in litigation across the State. We also represent governmental entities in automobile accidents, medical liability cases, premise defect cases, civil rights litigation, employment law cases, workers compensation matters, sexually-oriented business cases, bail bond forfeitures and tax-related matters.

Practicing Staff: [Lee Correa](#), [Robert Davis](#), [Jack Fulgham](#), [Chad Rook](#), [Robin O'Donoghue](#), [Ginger Young](#)
Of Counsel: Steve Mason

Real Estate Litigation

Property ownership is often one of the largest investments people make in life, and as such, disputes can arise that result in litigation. Whether the property owner is an experienced investor or corporation, or a first-time homeowner, protecting the value of and rights to that property is critical. Issues can range from disputes in transactions and development to conflicts among co-owners or between landlords and tenants. The high stakes can rapidly escalate a simple contractual dispute to threats of lawsuits, liens, foreclosures and injunctions, often overshadowing more practical solutions.

Flowers Davis Real Estate Litigators are adept at seeking remedies out of court when a properly-worded letter or well-timed phone call will be more effective than suing for damages or injunctive relief. We have also met client objectives through mediation and negotiation. At the same time, we have a successful track record of prosecuting and defending property owners, investors, developers, builders, homeowner's associations, landlords and tenants in a broad range of real estate-related conflicts, including:

- Real estate sale contract disputes; disputes involving claims of breach of contract, breach of warranty, misrepresentation and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) claims
- Disputes arising under purchase and sale agreements, option agreements, development agreements, and land use laws and regulations
- Disputes relating to real estate brokers and agents involving their legal and fiduciary duties
- Disputes between landowners and general contractors, subcontractors and related liens
- Title disputes: easements, boundary lines, adverse possession, quiet title, trespass, nuisance and other title disputes and actions
- Litigation involving premises liability and damages to land
- Litigation over mineral interests and leases, oil and gas purchase and sale agreements, assignments, farm-outs, joint operating agreements, and royalties
- Receivership actions
- Business agreement disputes, workouts, foreclosures, trustee's sales, collection, deficiency actions, and bankruptcy including motions for relief from stay
- Commercial and residential lease disputes, landlord-tenant, liens and eviction proceedings
- Homeowner's Association disputes related to covenants, conditions, and restrictions
- Interpretation and litigation involving the construction and enforcement of POA documents
- Eminent domain, condemnation hearings and trials in state and federal courts
- Valuation disputes and partition proceedings
- Subsurface rights and disputes relating to water and minerals
- Forcible Entry & Detainer Suits to assist lenders in obtaining possession of foreclosed property when previous owners fail to vacate the premises

Practicing Staff: [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Lee Correa](#), [Shannon Barber](#), [Laci Stovall](#)
Of Counsel: Jason Nash

Eminent Domain/Condemnation

Eminent Domain or Condemnation often involves a local, state or federal government taking of private property for a public use. The power of eminent domain is also available in many instances to oil and gas pipeline companies who operate as common carriers or as gas utilities.

Interstate pipeline companies which are granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have the power of eminent domain under federal law.

The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 17, of the Texas Constitution require that just compensation be paid to a landowner whose land is taken through an eminent domain/condemnation proceeding. Disputes arise between the taking entity (condemnor) and the landowner (condemnee) over how much compensation is due, or in some cases whether the entity even has a right to take the property.

The eminent domain process and subsequent litigation is unique in the litigation world. This rapidly changing area of the law is a combination of administrative law and litigation and thus requires a full understanding of the nuances involved in this type of legal matter compared to other types of litigation. Flowers Davis attorneys have over 70 years of experience effectively representing both plaintiffs and defendants in local, intrastate and interstate eminent domain/condemnation proceedings in both State and Federal court. We regularly represent oil and gas pipeline companies and cities in these proceedings. We have handled pipeline projects throughout Texas.

Flowers Davis attorneys assist clients with:

- Pre-condemnation planning and negotiations
- Injunctive relief to prevent interference or access property
- Cooperation with appraisers
- Preparation of litigation documents and property filings
- Special Commissioners' hearings
- De novo appeals to the trial court
- Appellate review of trial court decisions

Practicing Staff: [Shannon Barber](#), [Mitch Beard](#), [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Preston McGee](#)

Of Counsel: Tom Buchanan

Medical Liability

Flowers Davis is active in medical liability litigation. Our clients come from a wide range of practice areas and include both physicians and their professional associations. Our Medical Malpractice Attorneys understand what is at stake for our clients and the impact a malpractice claim can have, not only from a business standpoint, but from personal and professional standpoints as well. When we defend against medical malpractice claims, we thoroughly investigate and evaluate every case, review all relevant medical records, locate well-qualified expert witnesses and make effective use of deposition testimony.

Based out of Tyler, Texas the Flowers Davis Medical Malpractice team also works with physicians and their staffs to review areas such as record keeping, surgical consent procedures, and the like in order to identify and correct problem areas before a lawsuit occurs.

Practicing Staff: [Robert Davis](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Chad Rook](#)

Of Counsel: Tom Buchanan, Steve Mason

Professional Liability

The Professional Liability Attorneys at Flowers Davis are experienced at all aspects of professional liability defense. Our Tyler, Texas-based attorneys are skilled at handling the confidential and sensitive issues that arise with an Errors and Omissions (E&O) claim and we understand the impact such a case can have on the professional's ongoing practice. Our clients come from a wide range of professions, including attorneys and insurance companies.

Quick and successful disposition is our goal, so we work hard to investigate claims quickly. Early evaluation is key, and we seek quick resolution or go to trial, depending upon the needs and desires of our clients.

Practicing Staff: [Preston McGee](#), [Chad Rook](#)

Employment Law

The Flowers Davis Employment Law Attorneys advise businesses on all employment related matters, as well as defending employment related claims. From our offices in Tyler, Texas, we advise clients on a number of employment issues including proper agreements and training, contracts, and employee benefits.

We also defend claims relating to alleged causes of action filed pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, claims filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) or the Texas Commission on Human Rights (TCHR), alleged claims filed pursuant to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and alleged claims filed pursuant to Section 451.001 et seq. of the Texas Labor Code.

Practicing Staff: [Robert Davis](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Ginger Young](#)

Of Counsel: Daniel Ross (immigration only), Ellis Vickers

Intellectual Property

Flowers Davis is proud to offer representation by a registered USPTO attorney to inventors, entrepreneurs and others seeking to protect their intellectual property.

Our Patent Prosecutor:

- Conducts patentability analyses to determine if your invention, process or design is indeed patentable.
- Prepares, drafts and files patent applications.
- Negotiates with and responds to office actions from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- Conducts patent reviews and appeals before the USPTO.
- Prepares and files appeals with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and with the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Develops Patent Portfolio Management Plans, which help businesses protect their R&D efforts, bolster their market position, generate revenue from licensing agreements and create barriers to competition.
- Protects clients against copyists and competitors by filing Comprehensive Design Patents, which complement utility patents by protecting names or symbols (trademarks), original works of authorship (copyrights) and inventions (patents).

Rounding out the Flowers Davis IP team is an experienced litigator and a transactional IP attorney. Our litigator is ready to defend your patent, trademark or copyright should the need arise. He handles patent infringement litigation and also has extensive experience practicing before the Federal courts. He has served as local and trial counsel for numerous infringement cases pending before the United States Court for the Eastern District of Texas and each of its divisions. Our transactional IP attorney drafts licensing agreements and contracts and obtains trademarks and copyrights.

Practicing Staff: [Catherine Goodgion](#) (USPTO), [Preston McGee](#)
Of Counsel: Steve Mason

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Select Members of the Firm

*This section highlights Flowers Davis attorneys who offer services specifically to insurance and related industries as of the date of this document. Additional members of the firm are listed at the [end of this document](#).
For a comprehensive overview of all attorneys and practice areas, please visit [FlowersDavis](#).*



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CIVIL TRIAL LAW
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RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE LAW



Texas Bar College
Professionalism Through Education



American Board
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Advocate

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 over eighty 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.

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

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, GAS 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



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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, Robert has personally tried more than 100 cases in state and federal court to verdict, and he has been lead counsel in 198 appellate cases at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He also handles state court appellate cases.

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. Overall, Robert has published or presented more than 40 papers in the areas of civil rights, medical malpractice and employment law.

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

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1988
Trinity University, Bachelor of Science, History, 1985

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, November 1988

Court Admissions

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 (2001)
United States District Courts for the Eastern & Western Districts of Arkansas (2006)
United States District Courts for the Eastern & Western Districts of New Mexico
United States District Courts for the Northern & Southern Districts of Iowa
United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit (1991)
Supreme Court of the United States (1998)

Honors & Awards

State Bar of Texas, Three-Time Recipient of the Pro Bono Award for helping indigent citizens
Texas Jail Association, Hall of Fame inductee
East Texas Peace Officers Association, Man of the Year

Memberships

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Advocate Level
Smith County Bar Association, current member, Director, 2005-2006 and State Bar Fellow, 2006
Gregg County Bar Association
Harrison County Bar Association
Eastern District of Texas Bar Association
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

Community Involvement

Texas Association of Counties, Regional Counsel
East Texas Area Counsel of the Boy Scouts of America, General Counsel and Board Member, six years
Robert is active in his church and several non-profit organizations

Articles and Publications

"Bail Bond Handbook 2012," Texas Association of Counties, updated 2013-2016

"How to Handle Our Mentally Ill," 2016 County Management & Risk Conference

"Liability Issues in Texas Jails," 2007-2016, Jail Management Institute

Instructor, Jail Management Program, 2007-2016, Sam Houston State University

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

"Liability Issues in Law Enforcement," 2007-2016 Chief Deputies Conference

"Liability Issues in Law Enforcement," Sheriff's Association of Texas 2006-2016

"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.



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Lee Correa has been a Litigation Attorney for Flowers Davis since 2010. Her practice focus is on governmental entity defense, specifically as it pertains to government officials and law enforcement. Her practice also includes first-party and third-party litigation for major insurance carriers, business litigation, hazmat-related litigation, entity formation and structuring, and collection litigation on behalf of business clients. Lee also serves as general counsel for businesses, advising them on employment, contract and real estate matters.

During law school, Lee served as a law clerk to United States Magistrate Judge Judith K. Guthrie in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. She also served as an intern with the Lone Star Legal Aid Office in Tyler, Texas. Lee was appointed to the City of Tyler, Civil Service Commission in 2018 and continues to serve on the Commission today. She has presented at numerous educational seminars and conferences, including the Sheriffs' Association of Texas Annual Conference, Women in Criminal Justice, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Conference, New Sheriffs' School, Tyler Area Association of Legal Professionals, and numerous individual Counties.

Lee grew up in Tyler, Texas. She gained a respect for law enforcement at a young age as her father served as a Tyler Police Officer for 20 years. She graduated from Texas A&M University and worked her way up from filing clerk to paralegal at Flowers Davis. Lee left the firm to attend law school at South Texas College of Law, Houston. Upon graduation, she returned to Flowers Davis and has thoroughly enjoyed providing law enforcement officers and County officials with a strong defense. Lee is married to Cory Shepherd and lives in Tyler with their two dogs, Chiquita and Beatrice.

Practice Areas: Real Estate Litigation, Commercial and Business Litigation, Oil and Gas Litigation, Defense of Governmental Entities, Insurance Defense

Education

South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2009
Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, 2002

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2010

Community Involvement

City of Tyler, Civil Service Commission Board, 2018-present
Smith County Young Lawyers Association, past Board Member

Court Admissions

US District Court, Northern District of Texas
US District Court, Eastern District of Texas
US District Court, Southern District of Texas
US District Court, Western District of Texas
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
Supreme Court of the United States of America

Memberships

State Bar of Texas
Smith County Bar Association
Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Articles, Publications & Presentations

"Bail Bond Handbook," published by the Texas Association of Counties, Co-author, 2019, 2022

"Game Rooms and Eight-Liners," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Annual Training Conference, 2022

"Open Records: An Overview for Law Enforcement," Correctional Management Institute of Texas, Women in Criminal Justice Conference, 2022

"The Facts of the Acts: Sandra Bland, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Botham Jean," Texas Association of Counties, 2021 RMP Defense Counsel Symposium

"Excessive Force & Bystander Liability," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Annual Training Conference, 2021

"Investigating, Evaluating & Defending In-Custody Deaths," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Annual Training Conference, 2021

"Three Indefensible Acts," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Conference, 2021

"Internal & External Complaints about Officers," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Conference, 2021

"In-Custody Deaths," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Conference, 2021

"Open Records for Law Enforcement," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Conference, 2021

"Excessive Force & Bystander Liability," United States Marshals Service, 2021

"Labor Laws, Open Records, Ethics and Bail Bonds," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, New Sheriff's Leadership Institute, 2020

"Things to Know about Open Records," Wood County, Texas, 2020

"Investigating, Evaluating and Defending In-Custody Deaths," Texas Association of Counties, 2019 RMP Defense Counsel Symposium

"Three Indefensible Acts," Correctional Management Institute of Texas, Women in Criminal Justice Conference, 2017-2019

"Bail Bonds: Issues, Liability & Legal Update for Bail Bond Board Counties," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Training Conference, 2019

"Legal Issues: Bail Bonds," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Training Conference, 2019

"Legal Issues: Open Records," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Training Conference, 2019

"I Didn't Do It, But the Warrant Says I Did," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Training Conference, 2018

"Preventing and Defending Against Sexual Harassment Claims," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Training Conference, 2018

"Bail Bonds: Issues, Liability & Legal Update," Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Training Conference, 2018

"Three Indefensible Acts," Hays, Liberty and Chambers County Sheriff's Offices, 2017

"Texas Public Information Act," Wood County Sheriff's Office, 2017



“Legal Liabilities,” Van Zandt County Sheriff’s Office, 2017

“Qualified Immunity,” Tyler Area Association of Legal Professionals, 2016



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Rob Knight started his legal career in 2007 by opening a law firm in Houston, Texas, where he practiced in the areas of family, criminal, real estate and probate law. He relocated to Tyler, Texas, to focus his work on Oil and Gas Title Opinions. At Flowers Davis, he practices in the areas of oil and gas title opinions and real estate law. Rob has prepared title opinions in multiple states, from simple title opinions to complex division order, unit-wide opinions and leasehold opinions. He also renders title opinions and consults on title issues in anticipation of both residential and commercial loans, and for municipal condemnation proceedings. Additionally, he oversees a team of attorneys who review real property title for over 1,500 real estate properties a month for title companies prior to issuing title insurance policies. He has worked in several areas of the law that overlap real property law, including probate and family law, and has a thorough understanding of all instruments within a chain of title, and what is required to cure title defects.

Rob typically works for large multi-national oil and gas companies, as well as mid-sized and small local oil and gas companies, as well as individuals who own oil, gas and mineral interests. In addition, Rob assists individuals with estate planning, drafting wills and trusts, POAs, advanced directives and Transfer on Death Deeds. In early 2019, Rob was named Managing Partner over the Oil and Gas Litigation, Appellate and Transactional Sections of the Firm.

Rob enjoys working in real property law and reviewing land title. Whether he is preparing title opinions or aiding the issuance of loans and title policies, he understands the importance of providing his services in a quick and efficient manner, and in delivering a quality product.

Outside of work Rob enjoys playing guitar, painting, mountain biking, yoga, preparing for and competing in obstacle course races.

Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Business Entity Formation, Eminent Domain | Condemnation, Estate Planning - Wills & Trusts, Oil & Gas Litigation, Oil & Gas Title Opinions, Real Estate Law, Real Estate Litigation, Transactions, Acquisitions & Development

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2007

Court Admissions

U. S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

Education

South Texas College of Law, merit scholarship, cum laude, 2007

Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Science, Construction Science, 1999

Extracurricular

South Texas College of Law Moot Court Competition

Memberships

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of Texas Oil and Gas Law Section

Harris County Attorney's Association

Delta Theta Phi, a professional law fraternity

Tau Sigma Delta, the Honors Society for Architecture and the Arts

Honors and Awards

The Order of the Lytae, a legal honors society

South Texas School of Law Dean's Honor List

College of Architecture Distinguished Students Roster, Spring 1997 and 1998

Publications and Presentations

EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMEN, "Death, Divorce, Business Entities - Who Needs to Sign?", September 2021, Tyler, TX, presented by Rob Knight.

AUSTIN PROFESSIONAL LANDMAN'S ASSOCIATION, "Drilling vs. Division Order Title Opinions", December 2019, Austin, TX, presented by Rob Knight.

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.

2018 HOUSTON ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN FALL SEMINAR, "Ethical Considerations: Trilogy of Working as Lawyers and Landmen for the Good of the Client", September 2018, presented by Rob Knight and Jordan Mullins. Based on a paper authored by Celia Flowers.

2017 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMEN SPRING SEMINAR, "Horizontal Wells Crossing Unit Lines: From Permitting to the Division of Royalties", April 2017, presented by Melanie S. Reyes and Rob Knight. Based on a paper co-authored by Celia Flowers and Melanie Reyes.



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Preston McGee is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the areas of Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law*. He has spent most of his career defending large and small business clients in Commercial and Personal Injury Litigation. In recent years, his caseload has included an increasing number of construction lawsuits, where he has obtained positive outcomes for contractors and sub-contractors sued by commercial or governmental entities. Preston has successfully tried complex oil and gas cases including injury and condemnation cases on behalf of major oil and gas companies. He has also represented individuals and businesses in diverse Medical Liability, Professional Liability, DTPA and Employment Law cases. Preston regularly serves as local and trial counsel for both individuals and large corporations in Intellectual Property and other Litigation pending in the Eastern District of Texas.

After graduating from Baylor University Law School, Preston began private practice with the Potter Law Firm in Tyler, winning accolades as the Smith County Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer in 1996. He founded his own firm in 1998 and after joining Flowers Davis in 2001 has continued the work he loves by serving his clients in trial practice.

Preston is a native of East Texas and is a sixth-generation Texan. He and wife Liz have made Tyler, Texas home since 1986. The McGees are a close-knit family, including a son and daughter-in-law Peyton and Katelaine McGee, and two daughters and sons-in-law, Emily and Bill Boyd and Abby and Harrison Pollard. He is very involved in his local church, serving as a Deacon and adult Connect Group leader. In his free time, Preston enjoys playing golf, closely following his favorite football and basketball teams, and most of all, spending time with his family.

*The Board Certification process is rigorous and thorough with stringent, ongoing requirements after initial certification. As of July 2019, fewer than 1% of all Texas attorneys are Board Certified in any two areas of the law.

Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Consumer Law/DTPA, Eminent Domain/Condemnation, Employment Law, Estate Planning, Insurance Defense, Intellectual Property Defense, Medical Liability, Oil & Gas Litigation, Professional Liability

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1986

Board Certifications

Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Civil Trial Law, since 1992

Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Personal Injury Trial Law, since 1999

Court Admissions

United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas

United States District Court, Northern District of Texas

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas

United States District Court, Western District of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States Supreme Court

Education

Baylor University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1986

Baylor University, Bachelor of Arts, History, 1983 (with honors)

Honors & Awards

Smith County Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer, 1996 – 1997

Baylor School of Law Phi Delta Phi Honor Fraternity – Magister

Memberships

State Bar of Texas, Litigation Section

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

DRI, international organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation

Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Smith County Bar Association

Extracurricular

Baylor University – Vice President of Class

Baylor University Student Foundation – Recruitment Chairman

Baylor University New Guard, Vice Chairman

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Vice President and Treasurer

Baylor School of Law Moot Court Competitions

Community Involvement

Green Acres Baptist Church, Deacon and adult Connect Group leader

Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Life Member and former Board Member

Children's Village Home of Tyler, former Board Chairman

United Way of Tyler/Smith County, former Division Chair

Baptist General Convention of Texas, former Human Welfare Coordinating Board Vice-Chairman



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Chad Rook has practiced in the Litigation Section of Flowers Davis since 2006. His primary areas of focus are Insurance Defense, Defense of Governmental Entities, Medical Negligence, Professional Negligence and Commercial Litigation. Chad handles first-party and third-party insurance claims, defends governmental entities in Civil Rights litigation, employment litigation, and under the Texas Tort Claims Act, and has defended professionals ranging from physicians, nurses, attorneys, and insurance agents/adjusters. He also represents physicians before the Texas Medical Board and in connection with peer review matters. Representative clients include State Farm Insurance, Texas Association of Counties, ProAssurance, and Travelers. He is an active trial attorney who has tried numerous jury and non-jury cases in many counties and federal courts throughout the State of Texas as well as arguing cases on appeal in both state and federal appellate courts.

After graduating from law school in 1991, Chad began private practice with the law firm of Fowler, Wiles, Norton and Keith in Dallas, Texas, focusing on the defense of medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability, and trucking litigation. He left Fowler Wiles to help form Jones Rook Austin in 1997, a Dallas based insurance defense and commercial litigation firm focusing on medical malpractice, products liability, toxic tort, trucking litigation and commercial litigation.

Chad lives in Tyler, Texas with his wife, Christina, and their five daughters, Caroline, Catherine, Sophie-Claire, Ella and Rose.

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

Education

University of Houston Law Center, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1991
Baylor University, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance and Economics, 1987

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1991

Court Admissions

All Courts in the State of Texas
US District Court, Eastern District of Texas
US District Court, Western District of Texas
US District Court, Northern District of Texas

Memberships

State Bar of Texas
American Bar Association
American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Extracurricular

Moot Court
Mock Trial Competitions

Community Involvement

Basketball and Soccer Coach for his daughters' teams
Treasurer, Tyler Legacy Hoops Club



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Shannon Barber joined Flowers Davis as a civil litigator in the summer of 2023. Her practice areas include business and commercial litigation, eminent domain/condemnation, oil and gas litigation and real estate litigation.

Immediately prior to joining the firm, Shannon was a Felony Prosecutor for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. In that position, she managed a criminal docket of over 400 cases, including murder, domestic violence and assault. She disposed of hundreds of cases through pleas and completed over 30 jury trials. Her workload included weekly preparation for contested hearings, bond hearings, pre-trial hearings and trial. She had daily correspondence with victims and daily negotiations with defense attorneys, while also meeting with various law enforcement agencies, state, agencies and community organizations. Before being promoted to Felony Prosecutor, she served as the Misdemeanor Court Chief, where she supervised and managed two other attorneys and oversaw the docket and organization of the entire court.

Prior to joining the Dallas District Attorney's Office, Shannon was a Project Attorney for Level 2 Legal in Dallas, where she provided document review services for compliance according to client regulations.

Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain | Condemnation, Oil & Gas Litigation, Real Estate Litigation

<p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, May 2017</p> <p>Education Texas A&M School of Law, Juris Doctorate, May 2015 Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, December 2011</p> <p>Memberships State Bar of Texas Dallas Young Lawyers Association, Member</p>	<p>Honors and Awards Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition, Regional 3rd Place, 2015 Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition, Best Brief, 2014</p> <p>Extracurricular Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Member National Order of Barristers, 2015 Mahon Inns of Court, Pupil, 2015</p> <p>Community Involvement ONE Community Church, Dallas, Member</p>
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J. Mitchell Beard's practice is focused on the practice areas of general Civil Litigation, and Oil and Gas Law. He represents clients from all walks of life, corporate and individual. In the past few years, he has represented mostly oil and gas corporate clients in condemnation actions, although he also represents landowners in condemnation actions and in general oil and gas transactions and disputes. Mitch came to Flowers Davis, P.L.L.C. from the law firm of Wellborn, Houston, Adkison, Mann, Sadler & Hill, L.L.P. in Henderson, Texas where he initially served as an Associate Attorney and, later, as a Partner for seven years.

Mitch has had a varied practice on both sides of the docket involving general civil litigation, personal injury, family law, corporate and business law, oil and gas law, appellate law and probate law, among others. Before attending law school, he practiced as a Registered Pharmacist (R. Ph.) for seven years. His experience as a pharmacist helps him evaluate and handle medical malpractice cases, from both the plaintiff or defendant points of view. The same can be said with regard to personal injury lawsuits.

Mitch is very active in his community, providing pro bono legal services and as ad litem for minor children in a variety of family law and domestic dispute proceedings, and in situations involving minor children where there are allegations of neglect or abuse. He has also donated legal advice and services for the welfare and benefit of animals. He lives in Whitehouse, Texas.

Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain/Condemnation, Oil & Gas Litigation

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1989

Education

Baylor University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1989

University of Houston School of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science, Pharmacy, 1979

Stephen F. Austin University, pre-pharmacy undergraduate studies

Extracurricular

Baylor Order of Barristers

Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society

Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity

Baylor University School of Law Moot Court Competition

Honors & Awards

Baylor University School of Law Dean's List

Memberships

State Bar of Texas, the Appellate Section of the State Bar of Texas

Smith County Bar Association

Texas Pharmaceutical Association

American Pharmaceutical Association

Community Involvement

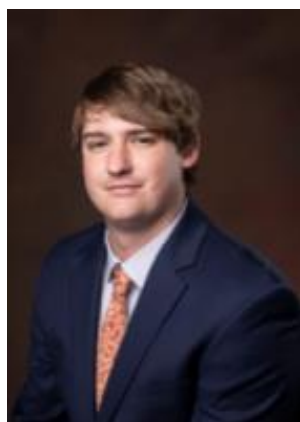
Pro Bono legal services to the County Court at Law In and For Rusk County

Informal service with courts and with the Texas

Department of Protective & Regulatory

Services/Child Protective Services

Rusk County Animal Outreach, Board Member



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John (“Jack”) Rawls Fulgham practices in the areas of Defense of Governmental Entities, Insurance Defense and Tax Planning. Jack brings a strong background in taxation matters, having obtained a Master of Personal Financial Planning degree simultaneously with his Juris Doctor degree at Texas Tech University. After being admitted to the State Bar of Texas, he continued his education with a Master of Laws in Taxation degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Prior to joining Flowers Davis, Jack served as Senior Associate in the Mergers and Acquisitions Tax Division of PriceWaterhouseCooper, where he performed tax due diligence and drafted reports on C Corps, S Corps and partnerships targeted for strategic acquisition by private equity or corporate entities. He also prepared legal entity restructuring and reorganization plans for domestic and multinational corporations.

While gaining his degrees, Jack worked as a staff member at the Texas Tech University Tax Center, as a legal intern at Flowers Davis PLLC, and as an oil and gas acquisitions intern at Royalty Clearinghouse Ltd. In those roles, he gained invaluable experience in tax court petitions and tax compliance, drafting briefs for the Supreme Court of Texas and federal district court in defense of governmental entities, and assisted attorneys in title curative matters.

Practice Areas: Defense of Governmental Entities, Insurance Defense, Tax Planning

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2017

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, Master of Laws in Taxation, *cum laude*, May 2018
Texas Tech University School of Law, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2017
Texas Tech University, Master of Personal Financial Planning, May 2017
The University of Texas, Bachelor of Arts in History, May 2014



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Catherine Chesley Goodgion is a Patent Prosecutor, licensed to practice before the [United States Patent and Trademark Office \(USPTO\)](#). To qualify as a Patent Prosecutor, an attorney must meet legal, scientific and technical qualifications and demonstrate a good moral character and reputation. In addition to earning a technical science degree and a law degree, they must apply for registration with the USPTO and pass a separate bar examination. Fewer than 1% of the attorneys in Smith County have met these requirements.

As a Patent Prosecutor, Catherine can represent inventors and entrepreneurs in protecting intellectual property such as inventions, design or processes. She researches patentability, prepares and files patent applications, negotiates with and responds to the USPTO, and files appeals. She can also help business clients develop patent protection development plans and comprehensive design patents, including trademarks and copyrights.

Catherine 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 also practices in the areas of Real Estate Transactions, Acquisitions & Development, Document Preparation and Curative. She has represented clients in the acquisition and divestiture of assets including drafting assignments, purchase and sale agreements, right-of-way agreements, easements, boundary line agreements, affidavits of heirship, numerous real estate and commercial loan documents in addition to closing documents. Catherine has drafted and reviewed purchase and sale agreements for residential and commercial transactions. Catherine understands the complicated curative issues involved in real estate transactions.

Prior to passing the bar, Catherine worked as an Independent Petroleum Landman for Flowers Davis running title, preparing runsheets and completing ownership reports. Before attending law school and after earning her Masters in Business Administration, Catherine worked for several years as a Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist exceeding her sales targets for the sale of antidepressant and hormone therapy products, and insulin products, respectively. Catherine's experience and education in the pharmaceutical, medical, and oil and gas fields brings a business person's perspective to her legal work.

Outside of work, Catherine enjoys CrossFit, running, water sports, traveling, spending time with her husband Sam and their daughter, Mary Blake, and their large group of friends and family. The Goodgions attend Green Acres Baptist Church.

Practice Areas: Document Preparation, Estate Planning, Intellectual Property (USPTO Prosecutor), Real Estate Law, Transactions, Acquisitions & Development

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, May 2012
US Patent & Trademark Office August, 2016

Education

St Mary's University School of Law, Juris Doctor,
2011
University of Texas at Tyler, Master of Business
Administration, 2003
Baylor University Bachelor of Science, Biology,
1999
Rhodes College, Undergraduate Courses, 90 hours
Robert E. Lee High School, 1995

Community Involvement

Garden Club

Memberships

Fellow in the College of the State Bar of Texas
State Bar of Texas
Smith County Bar Association
American Bar Association

Honors and Awards

Linda & Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court
Competition, Octa-Finalist



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Robin O'Donoghue is a litigation attorney practicing in the areas of Insurance Defense and Defense of Governmental Entities.

Before joining Flowers Davis in September, 2012, Robin practiced primarily in the areas of medical malpractice and general civil litigation for the firms of Bailey & Williams and Gwinn & Roby in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. There she actively participated in all phases of medical malpractice defense, products liability, and general insurance defense litigation. She prepared discovery responses and objections, took and defended expert witness depositions, advocated clients' positions at court hearings, and sat as second chair in medical malpractice trials. She negotiated settlement of civil lawsuits independently and at mediation, and represented clients in personal injury trials.

Practice Areas: Defense of Governmental Entities, Insurance Defense

<p>Education</p> <p>Baylor University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1991</p> <p>Texas Christian University, Bachelor of Science, Political Science, 1988</p> <p>Bar Admissions</p> <p>State Bar of Texas, 1991</p> <p>Court Admissions</p> <p>US District Court, Eastern District of Texas</p> <p>Extracurricular</p> <p>Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society</p> <p>TCU House of Representatives</p> <p>Washington, DC Internship Program, Fall 1987</p>	<p>Honors & Awards</p> <p>Sixth Place Individual Advocate, 1989</p> <p>Hope, Pierce, Tarrt Scholarship</p> <p>Loy M. Simpkins Memorial Award</p> <p>Order of Omega Honor Society</p> <p>Memberships</p> <p>State Bar of Texas</p> <p>American Bar Association</p> <p>Community Involvement</p> <p>Trinity School of Texas, Fundraiser, Development Committee Member</p>
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Laci Stovall has practiced in a variety of areas of the law, with an emphasis at Flowers Davis on business transactions, real estate litigation and oil and gas litigation. A licensed attorney since 2020, Laci's interest in the legal field dates back to 2010 when she worked as a runner for a Tyler law firm. She gained beneficial business law and litigation insights while interning for another local firm in 2016. As a Student Attorney for the University of Mississippi Transactional Law Clinic, she assisted low-income rural Mississippi residents in creating LLCs. Before joining Flowers Davis in 2022, Laci practiced in the areas of in business transactional law, property/real estate law, oil and gas law, and estate planning in the Tyler area. She has three years of experience in the oil and gas industry.

Laci completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in history at Texas A&M University, received her Master of Arts degree in communication studies with emphasis on rhetorical theory at the University of North Texas Toulouse Graduate School, and earned her Juris Doctorate at the University of Mississippi School of Law. As she pursued her education, Laci was active in university and community associations and societies, with a focus on philanthropy and community outreach.

Laci hails from the small East Texas town of Troup, Texas. When she is not hard at work, she spends her time soaking up the many smiles and giggles of her spitfire toddler, Thea Rene', more affectionately referred to as "lil miss" and "the next R.B.G.". Laci is a fulltime single mom with a passion for creating a more equitable and inclusive world and becoming the best role model possible for Thea.

Practice Areas: Oil & Gas Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Transactions, Acquisitions & Development, Estate Planning

<p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 2020</p> <p>Education University of Mississippi School of Law, Juris Doctor, Business Law, 2018 University of North Texas Toulouse Graduate School, Master of Communication Studies, Rhetorical Theory, 2015 Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Arts, History, 2013</p> <p>Memberships State Bar of Texas Smith County Bar Association, since 2021 Tyler Young Professionals Network, since 2019 The Federalist Society</p>	<p>Extracurricular Student Bar Association Business Law Network Christian Legal Society Women's Legal Society Environmental Law Society Director of Social Media and Finance of COGS (Communication Organization for Graduate Students) Alpha Chi Omega, Assistant Philanthropy Event Coordinator Phoebe's Home (Domestic Violence Shelter), Volunteer Howdy Ags, Member Breathe Hope, Member</p>
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Since 2009, Ginger Young has worked as an immigration lawyer at Flowers Davis, PLLC. She primarily focuses her time and efforts on family-based cases, permanent residency cases, and naturalization cases. Ginger is an active member of AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Association). This organization is comprised of highly accomplished immigration attorneys who work hard to stay up-to-date on the latest advancements in the field of immigration law.

She is committed to helping vulnerable clients who need effective legal representation. During her time in law school, Ginger was an intern for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Later, she worked for Fanning, Harper & Martinson in Dallas. Upon graduation, she continued working at the latter firm, mainly representing school districts and governmental entities in civil rights and employment litigation.

Ginger continued her work in the employment and labor defense practice at Thompson & Knight in Houston. She moved to Tyler after marrying her husband, Bob, and she began working at Flowers Davis, PLLC in 2000. During her first nine years at our firm, she concentrated on civil rights and employment litigation, mainly defending governmental and law enforcement agencies. In 2009, she changed her focus to immigration law because she found her passion in helping clients who wanted to create a better life for themselves and their families. Ginger has enjoyed immense success in this practice area and has helped countless clients over the years.

When Ginger is not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Bob, and her daughter, Olivia.

Ginger is fluent in Spanish.

Practice Areas: Employment Law, Defense of Governmental Entities, Immigration Law

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1996

Court Admissions

United States District Court, Northern District of Texas

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas

United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas

United States District Court, Western District of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States Supreme Court

Education

South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, 1996

Newcomb College of Tulane University, Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, 1986

Honors & Awards

South Texas School of Law Dean's List (all semesters)

South Texas School of Law Outstanding Female Graduate

George T. Barrow Award, selected by the Dean and faculty to make the most outstanding attorney from the graduating class, 1996

Highest Grade Award in Agency & Partnership, Americans with Disabilities Act, Employment Discrimination, Insurance Law and Texas Pre-trial Procedure

Spurgeon Bell Moot Court Competition, semi-finalist, 1995

Best Brief Award, 1995 Extracurricular

Order of Lytae Honor Society

Who's Who: American Law Students, 1995, 1996

South Texas Law Review – Chief Articles Editor, Spring 1996; Articles Editor, 1995-96

Memberships

American Immigration Lawyers Association

State Bar of Texas

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

Smith County Bar Association

Community Involvement

East Texas Chapter of Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON), Executive Board Member & Secretary of the Board, since 2018

SPCA, Board Member since 2012

East Texas Symphony Orchestra, Board Member since 2012

Texas Rose Festival, Coronation Co-Chair, 2014, 2012; Rose Show Chair, 2013; Attendant's Chair, 2013; Wardrobe Chair, 2011, 2010; Wardrobe Properties, 2009, 2008; Wardrobe Accessories, 2001-2007 (Accessories Chair, 2007, 2006)

Women's Symphony League, Board Member since 2002, Handbook Chairman, since 2005

Little Black Dress (fundraiser for the Tyler Museum of Art), Chairman, October, 2013

All Saints Episcopal School of Tyler Parents Association Board, 2006-2012. Past Positions: Teacher Appreciation Chair, 2011; Fundraiser Chair, 2012; "Real House Wives of All Saints" Spring Gala, 2012; Field Day, 2010; Grade Level Representative, 2009; Homeroom Mom, multiple times

Additional Members of the Firm

Flowers Davis attorneys who focus primarily on industries not related to the insurance industry are listed below.



Paul Brown
Attorney

Practice Areas: Oil & Gas Title Opinions, Real Estate Law, Estate Planning



Dean Chapman
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Practice Areas: Oil & Gas Title Opinions, Real Estate Law



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Practice Areas: Banking Law, Corporate Law, Estate Planning, Real Estate Law



Ha Kummerfeld
Attorney | Of Counsel

Practice Areas: Immigration Law



Scott Miller
Attorney

Practice Areas: Banking Law, Corporate Law, Real Estate Law, Transactions,
Acquisitions & Development



Melanie Reyes-Rawls
Attorney

Practice Areas: Estate Planning, Oil & Gas Title Opinions, Real Estate Transactions



Alan Tomme
Attorney

Practice Areas: Oil & Gas Title Opinions, Transactions, Acquisitions & Development

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