



## Firm Resume for the Financial Services Industry

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## 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 defense of public entities and insurance defense sections of the Firm, where Flowers Davis attorneys represent cities, counties and law enforcement organizations, as well as handle insurance litigation 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.

When you hire Flowers Davis, you will enjoy having one point of contact within the firm who will coordinate attorneys across practice areas to meet your needs.

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## Financial | Lender-Specific Services

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They describe the range of services offered by the firm to the financial sector as of the date below.  
Individual attorneys may offer representation in a subset of this practice area.  
See individual attorney profiles for their specific practice areas.*

## For Lenders

Flowers Davis PLLC is a full-service multi-disciplinary law firm uniquely qualified to help banks and private lenders navigate the regulatory, transactional and litigation issues they face in the banking and business arenas. We offer professional services tailored specifically to financial institutions as well as services that benefit both lenders and lender clients.

### Lending Transactions

Our banking professionals understand that lending transactions aren't run-of-the-mill business deals. We advise on and prepare documents for commercial and residential lending transactions including Deeds, Deeds of Trust and other closing documents, releases of liens, modification agreements, loan participation agreements, collateral substitution agreements and commercial loan agreements. We offer real estate closings and servicing activities for local and out-of-area lending institutions. Our attorneys also provide analysis of title defects and title curative services.

### Operations & Compliance

In the current regulatory environment, banks have no choice but to make compliance a priority. Flowers Davis attorneys advise financial institutions on regulatory compliance in areas such as TILA/RESPA Integrated Disclosures (TRID), offer creative strategies in loan structuring, assist in writing loan policies and procedures, and advise on inter-creditor and subordination issues. We are experienced in counseling lenders on how to avoid liability actions, and on defending lender liability actions.

### Collections

The Flowers Davis team of bankruptcy and restructuring professionals regularly represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, landlords and trustees in all aspects of bankruptcy, sequestration, foreclosure and repossession. We represent creditor's rights in bankruptcy cases, obtain and execute writs of sequestration, file forcible entry and detainer suits to assist lenders in gaining possession of property, and repossess personal property.

#### Practicing Staff:

Banking Transactions, Operations & Compliance, Collections: [Scott Miller](#)

Document Preparation: [Catherine Goodgion](#), [Laci Stovall](#)

As an extension of your team, Flowers Davis offers the following Transactional and Litigation Services to our clients in the financial sector, and we offer them by your referral to your clients as well.

## Transactional Services

### Real Estate

In addition to the lending transactions listed above, Flowers Davis offers the following real estate related services:

- Preparation of governing documents for homeowners' associations, such as restrictive covenants, bylaws and articles of incorporation
- Assistance to associations with amendments to those documents
- Landlord-tenant matters such as lease preparation

Practicing Staff:

Real Estate Law: [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Paul Brown](#), [Michael Carney](#), [Catherine Goodgion](#), [Scott Miller](#)

Of Counsel: Ellis Vickers

### Business & Commercial

Flowers Davis attorneys assist lenders and their clients in negotiating, drafting and successfully completing transactions involving complex financial analysis, due diligence activities and environmental concerns, including:

- Acquisitions
- Mergers
- Joint ventures
- Sales and development
- Oil and gas acquisitions and financing
- Business sales

Practicing Staff:

Corporate Law: [Rob Knight](#), [Michael Carney](#), [Scott Miller](#)

Of Counsel: Ellis Vickers

Transactions, Acquisitions & Development: [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Michael Carney](#), [Catherine Goodgion](#), [Scott Miller](#), [Laci Stovall](#)

Of Counsel: Alan Tomme, Ellis Vickers

## Litigation Services

Flowers Davis litigation attorneys offer sophisticated legal guidance and experienced representation to banks, lenders and corporate clients in real estate, general business and commercial disputes.

- Contract Litigation
- Collection matters
- Premises liability
- Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) claims
- Construction disputes
- Homeowners' association disputes
- Landlord-tenant disputes



- Boundary line disputes
- Title disputes
- Eminent domain and condemnation

Practicing Staff:

Business & Commercial Litigation: [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#)

Real Estate Litigation: [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Brison Burse](#), [Laci Stovall](#)

Eminent Domain/Condemnation: [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#)

## Intellectual Property Services

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 can help your clients obtain patents or trademarks for inventions, processes or designs. Our transactional IP attorney drafts licensing agreements and contracts and obtains trademarks and copyrights.

Practicing Staff:

Intellectual Property: [Catherine Goodgion](#) (USPTO)

## Other Legal Services

Flowers Davis offers Estate Planning Services including Last Will and Testaments, Probate services, Guardianships, Trusts, Durable Power of Attorney, Business Succession Planning, and more.

Practicing Staff: Estate Planning: [Rob Knight](#), [Paul Brown](#), [Michael Carney](#), [Catherine Goodgion](#), [Melanie Reyes-Rawls](#), [Laci Stovall](#)

We also advise on Employment Law matters including policies, procedures and defense.

Practicing Staff: Employment Law: [Ginger Young](#)

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

Whether you need experienced legal guidance in general lending or business matters, or highly targeted representation in a mortgage foreclosure, or a complicated joint venture transaction, we invite you to schedule an informative initial consultation with one of our experienced lawyers. For your convenience, if desired, we can assign an attorney as your primary point of contact who will coordinate all your business needs.

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## More than Just a Law Firm

When you hire Flowers Davis, you are opening the door to more than just a law firm. Celia C. Flowers owns and/or operates a group of interrelated companies in the East Texas area. In addition to Flowers Davis PLLC, this group of companies includes:

[East Texas Title Companies](#) – licensed and operating in an ever-expanding number of Texas Counties – provides title evidence and real estate closing services

[East Texas Tax & Land Services](#) – provides title searches and tax certificates, specializing in last-minute requests

[RecordsOnline](#) – deploys the latest technology in online records to support all the other businesses as well as outside clients

This aggregation of companies was created to provide a full menu of services to our clients. Flowers Davis lender clients enjoy the benefits of a one-stop shop for all their lending, business, real estate and litigation needs. In addition, Celia C. Flowers offers semi-annual lender courses that keep you up-to-date on current topics in real estate lending, legislation, RESPA changes, and other important issues that affect the lending industry. Celia is quadruple-Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the areas of Residential Real Estate Law, Oil and Gas Law, Property Owners Association Law, and Civil Litigation.



## Select Members of the Firm

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**PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LAW**  
**RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE LAW**



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><b>Bar Admissions</b>          State Bar of Texas, 1990          State Bar of Pennsylvania, 2012</p> <p><b>Board Certifications</b>          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><b>Court Admissions</b>          US District Court, Eastern District of Texas          US District Court, Northern District of Texas</p> <p><b>Education</b>          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><b>Extracurricular</b>          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><b>Community Involvement</b>          Azleway Board          Cattle Baron's Ball          Texas Rose Festival          Women's Symphony League          Boys &amp; Girls Club          Boy Scouts Luncheon          Mistletoe and Magic          Habitat for Humanity          Cystic Fibrosis Foundation</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b>          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 &amp; 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><b>Honors and Awards</b>          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 &amp; 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 65<sup>TH</sup> 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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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

<p><b>Bar Admissions</b> State Bar of Texas, 2007</p> <p><b>Court Admissions</b> U. S. District Court, Southern District of Texas</p> <p><b>Education</b> South Texas College of Law, merit scholarship, cum laude, 2007 Texas A&amp;M University, Bachelor of Science, Construction Science, 1999</p> <p><b>Extracurricular</b> South Texas College of Law Moot Court Competition</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b> 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</p> <p><b>Honors and Awards</b> 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</p>
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## Publications and Presentations

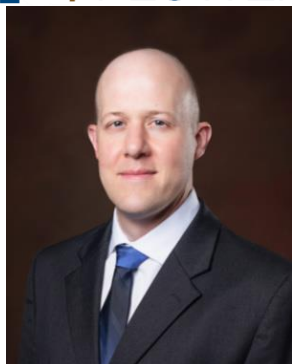
EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMEN, “Death, Divorce, Business Entities - Who Needs to Sign?”, September 2021, Tyler, TX, presented by Rob Knight.

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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Paul Brown has been with Flowers Davis since November 2020 and practices in the areas of oil and gas title opinions, real estate law, and estate planning.

Paul has a strong background in the oil and gas industry as well as land title and real estate. He has rendered drilling, division order and acquisition title opinions across East Texas, South Texas, the Permian Basin, Ohio, New Mexico and North Dakota. This gave him a holistic view of the oil and gas industry and the ability to practice across multiple jurisdictions. In addition to rendering title opinions, Paul is well-versed in drafting joint operating agreements, farmout agreements, pooling and unitization agreements, lease addenda, mineral reservations, and assignments. He has represented oil and gas companies in connection with acquisition and divestiture of assets and has also drafted lien documents for a bankruptcy filing for an oil and gas operator.

Paul is also familiar with Texas Railroad Commission regulations and other oil-and-gas-play-specific drilling permit requirements. He has researched producing well information, HBP acreage, and proration units. In addition, he has taught Introduction to Texas Oil and Gas Law to landmen and other industry professionals at Kilgore College on a quarterly basis.

Real estate law often intersects oil and gas law and business law. Paul has drafted promissory notes, mortgages and deeds of trust for residential real estate closings, as well as UCC documents, employment dissolution agreements and demand letters.

In his spare time, Paul is a travel enthusiast and is an avid hiker of America’s National Parks.

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

<p><b>Bar Admissions</b>                  State Bar of Texas, 2010</p> <p><b>Education</b>                  University of Houston Law Center, Juris Doctor, May 2010                  The University of Texas at Austin, Bachelor of Arts in History and American Studies, December 2005</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b>                  State Bar of Texas Oil and Gas Law Section</p> <p><b>Extracurricular</b>                  Dean’s List, University of Houston Law Center                  Honor Court, The University of Texas at Austin</p> <p><b>Community Involvement</b>                  Active member and volunteer at Dayspring Methodist Church</p>
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Brison Bursey is an Associate Attorney who joined Flowers Davis in late 2023. His primary practice areas are real estate litigation and oil and gas litigation. Brison has a strong litigation track record balanced with sound business acumen.

At a previous firm, Brison directed the prosecution of a complex wrongful death case that resulted in one of the biggest settlements in his firm’s history. At another, he was heavily involved in the prosecution of an intellectual property case resulting in a \$26,500,000 verdict and he successfully directed a lawsuit in a major pharmaceutical multidistrict litigation proceeding. He has prosecuted and defended multiple cases involving noncompetition, antitrust, contract, products liability, insurance and business litigation issues, managing all aspects of discovery, pretrial hearings, depositions and mediations. He successfully defended one verdict on appeal.

Immediately prior to joining Flowers Davis, Brison served as General Counsel and Chief Legal Counsel for Inova Partners, LLC, a professional veterinary practice management company. There he directed a multi-million-dollar M&A deal involving multiple veterinary management service organizations, drafting all legal documents and managing the entire process to timely closing. He advised executives on strategic corporate and legal matters, managing all aspects of litigation and dispute resolution. He negotiated multiple contracts, deeds, employment agreements, and took ultimate responsibility for all legal operations and regulatory compliance.

Outside of work, Brison enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, and playing the guitar. In recent years, he’s become active in jiu jitsu and enjoys earning his belts. Brison and his family live in Weatherford, Texas.

Practice Areas: Real Estate Litigation, Oil & Gas Litigation

<p><b>Bar Admissions</b>                  State Bar of Texas, 2017</p> <p><b>Education</b>                  Texas A&amp;M University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX, Juris Doctorate, 2017                  Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Bachelor of Arts, English, 2008</p> <p><b>Community Involvement</b>                  Fort Worth Livestock Show &amp; Rodeo, Volunteer &amp; Ambassador since October 2015</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b>                  State Bar of Texas                  Texas A&amp;M School of Law Journal of Property Law, Staff Member since August 2015                  Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, Student Member                  Texas Young Lawyers Association, Student Member                  Christian Legal Society, Student Member</p> <p><b>Honors and Awards</b>                  Mack Kidd Administrative Moot Court Competition, Quarterfinalist, Oct 2015                  Texas A&amp;M School of Law, Dean's List, Spring 2015</p>
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Michael Carney is an associate at the firm's Tyler office. While he has broad legal experience, his practice primarily focuses on estate planning and real estate law. Michael advises clients in estate planning, probate proceedings, tutorships, and guardianships, counseling them on how to develop and implement comprehensive estate plans. One of Michael's areas of particular interest is estate planning for families with children with special needs. As the father of a child with special needs, Michael brings unique insight to this area of his practice.

Real estate law is a natural focus for Michael, as estate planning attorneys need to be familiar with state-specific estate planning laws, probate laws, federal and state tax laws, property laws, and asset protection laws. Michael works closely with lenders, title companies, individuals and entities to ensure real estate transactions are handled in a professional and timely manner. He also facilitates business entity formation and practices corporate transactional law. Michael is licensed to practice in Louisiana and Texas.

Michael brings strong analytical and research skills to the firm, having worked as an analyst for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), a nonprofit corporation established by Congress to oversee the audits of public companies. At PCAOB, he drafted interpretive guidance regarding Board rules, prepared recommendations for Board action, and worked with registered firms to resolve issues of non-compliance. Also in Washington, DC, he served as the law clerk to the Hon. John H. Bayly of the District of Columbia Superior Court where he worked closely with the judge on a fast-paced criminal docket of approximately 400 cases, conducting legal research and drafting orders. During law school he worked as a legal intern for a United States Senator, preparing briefing materials for the nomination of Chief Justice John Roberts; he also served as research assistant for the United States Chamber of Commerce Commission on the Capital Markets.

Outside of work, Michael enjoys spending time with his wife and children and experiencing the great outdoors. Michael and his wife Genevieve have four children.

Practice Areas: Business Entity Formation, Estate Planning - Wills & Trusts, Real Estate Law, Corporate Law, Special Needs Planning, Transactions

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2010  
State Bar of Louisiana, 2014  
State Bar of Virginia, 2007 (inactive)

Education

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Juris Doctor, May 2007  
University at Albany, State University of New York, Bachelor of Arts, Classical History and Archaeology, May 2001

Memberships

State Bar of Texas  
Harry V. Booth Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court

Honors and Awards

Presidential Scholar, University at Albany, SUNY

Extracurricular

*Journal of Law, Philosophy, and Culture*  
Moot Court  
Corporate and Securities Law Program



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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, their children Mary Blake and Palmer, 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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Scott Miller serves his clients in the fields of real estate, banking, mortgage lending and general business law. Scott began his legal career as an in-house attorney for a farm and ranch bank in East Texas. This experience built on his extensive retail banking experience over a period of ten years.

Prior to law school, Scott worked in various positions at a major financial institution serving as a loan officer, banking center manager and regional manager responsible for over thirty banking centers in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He also served as an escrow officer for a national title insurance underwriter. Scott regularly provides representation to banks, credit unions and title companies throughout Texas.

He resides in Longview, Texas with his wife, Stefanie.

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

<p><b>Bar Admissions</b>                  State Bar of Texas, 2003</p> <p><b>Education</b>                  Texas A&amp;M University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, 2003</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b>                  State Bar of Texas, Real Estate Section</p> <p><b>Community Involvement</b>                  Longview Arboretum and Nature Center, Board Member</p>
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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>          State Bar of Texas, 2003          State Bar of New Mexico, 2018</p> <p><b>Board Certifications</b>          Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, since 2014</p> <p><b>Court Admissions</b>          U. S. District Court, Northern District of Texas</p> <p><b>Education</b>          University of Tulsa College of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 2002          Oklahoma State University/Langston, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 1999</p>	<p><b>Certifications</b>          Texas Real Estate Commission MCE Instructor</p> <p><b>Memberships</b>          Energy Section of the Texas State Bar          Appellate Section of the Texas State Bar          Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law (NREEL) Section of the State Bar of New Mexico</p> <p><b>Honors and Awards</b>          American Jurisprudence Award, Legal Writing and Research          American Jurisprudence Award Civil Procedure II          American Jurisprudence Award, International Business Transactions          American Jurisprudence Award, Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating</p>
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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





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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><b>Bar Admissions</b>                  State Bar of Texas, 2020</p> <p><b>Education</b>                  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&amp;M University, Bachelor of Arts, History, 2013</p> <p><b>Memberships</b>                  State Bar of Texas                  Smith County Bar Association, since 2021                  Tyler Young Professionals Network, since 2019                  The Federalist Society</p>	<p><b>Extracurricular</b>                  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.

To Ginger, serving her community means more than just being their lawyer. In 2022, she founded Viva La Rosa, a nonprofit organization that organizes and promotes Latino integration in social and cultural events. Their first initiative was to formally include the Hispanic community in the annual Texas Rose Festival by showcasing quinceañera in the parade and including them in other festivities. The response was overwhelming, and in six short weeks, they had over forty quinceañera participants representing twenty Hispanic heritage countries. Flowers Davis sponsors the parade float, and Ginger provides Coronation tickets for the parade participants and their families. Ginger and her team of dedicated volunteers have demonstrated to the participants that anything is possible! This historic effort has become an annual event.

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**

Texas College of Law, Juris Doctorate, magna South 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**

Viva la Rosa – East Texas, a 501c3 organization dedicated to inclusion of Hispanic culture, Founder, since 2022  
 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 other than financial services are listed below.



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Attorney | Senior Partner

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



Lee Correa  
Attorney | Partner

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



Preston McGee  
Attorney | Partner

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



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



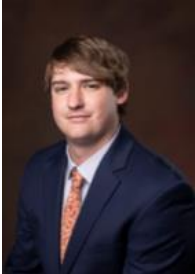
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Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain/Condemnation, Oil & Gas Litigation



Tom Buchanan  
Attorney (Of Counsel)

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



Jack Fulgham  
Attorney

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



Steve Mason  
Attorney (Of Counsel)

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



Robin O'Donoghue  
Attorney

Practice Areas: Defense of Governmental Entities, Insurance Defense

## Additional Practice Areas

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