



Firm Resume

Insurance Defense 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, 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. Of those seven, four attorneys are admitted to practice before all four United States District Courts in the State of Texas. One is admitted to at least one US District Court. Three can represent clients in the US Supreme Court and can also argue before the US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Senior Partner Robert Davis and 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, Partner Preston McGee is 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. Preston McGee is Board Certified in more than one area: he 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 that have been sued by commercial or governmental entities.

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. 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

*The practice area descriptions below are for general informational purposes only.
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.*

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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. 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: [Mitch Beard](#), [Lee Correa](#), [Robert Davis](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Chad Rook](#)
Of Counsel: Steve Mason

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

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](#)

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](#)

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

If Oil and Gas Litigation turns into an insurance matter, our Oil & Gas litigation attorneys work together with Insurance Defense attorneys to provide seamless service to our clients.

Practicing Staff: [Mitch Beard](#), [Lee Correa](#), Celia Flowers, Rob Knight, [Preston McGee](#), Laci Stovall

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: 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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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

<p>Education Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1988 Trinity University, Bachelor of Science, History, 1985</p> <p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, November 1988</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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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

<p>Education South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2009 Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, 2002</p> <p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 2010</p> <p>Community Involvement City of Tyler, Civil Service Commission Board, 2018-present Smith County Young Lawyers Association, past Board Member</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Memberships State Bar of Texas Smith County Bar Association Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals</p>
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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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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.

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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

<p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 1986</p> <p>Board Certifications Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Civil Trial Law, since 1992 Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Personal Injury Trial Law, since 1999</p> <p>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</p> <p>Education Baylor University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1986 Baylor University, Bachelor of Arts, History, 1983 (with honors)</p> <p>Honors & Awards Smith County Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer, 1996 – 1997 Baylor School of Law Phi Delta Phi Honor Fraternity – Magister</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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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

<p>Education University of Houston Law Center, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1991 Baylor University, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance and Economics, 1987</p> <p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 1991</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Memberships State Bar of Texas American Bar Association American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)</p> <p>Extracurricular Moot Court Mock Trial Competitions</p> <p>Community Involvement Basketball and Soccer Coach for his daughters' teams Treasurer, Tyler Legacy Hoops Club</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

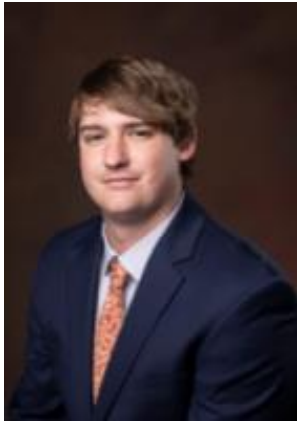
Community Involvement

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

<p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 2017</p> <p>Education Georgetown University Law Center, Master of Laws in Taxation, <i>cum laude</i>, May 2018 Texas Tech University School of Law, Juris Doctor, <i>cum laude</i>, May 2017 Texas Tech University, Master of Personal Financial Planning, May 2017 The University of Texas, Bachelor of Arts in History, May 2014</p>	
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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 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 TCU House of Representatives Washington, DC Internship Program, Fall 1987</p>	<p>Honors & Awards</p> <p>Sixth Place Individual Advocate, 1989 Hope, Pierce, Tarrt Scholarship Loy M. Simpkins Memorial Award Order of Omega Honor Society</p> <p>Memberships</p> <p>State Bar of Texas American Bar Association</p> <p>Community Involvement</p> <p>Trinity School of Texas, Fundraiser, Development Committee 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

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

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 not related to the insurance industry are listed below.



Celia Flowers
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Rob Knight
Attorney | Partner

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



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Practice Areas: Immigration Law



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



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Attorney

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

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