



Firm Resume for the Financial Services Industry

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Firm Overview

Flowers Davis PLLC is a full-service law firm based in Tyler, Texas, offering strategic legal counsel across a wide range of practice areas. Since our founding in 1994 by Senior Partners Celia C. Flowers and Robert S. Davis, we have built a strong reputation for delivering efficient, results-driven legal solutions to financial institutions, corporations, and public entities.

Celia C. Flowers brings exceptional legal credentials to the firm, being one of fewer than ten attorneys in Texas Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in four areas of law: Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Real Estate Law, Property Owners Association Law, and Civil Litigation. Under her leadership, Flowers Davis has developed robust practice areas in oil and gas, real estate, and financial services. Our team regularly advises on title matters, real estate transactions, regulatory compliance, and related litigation—matters that are critical to financial institutions managing complex portfolios or transactions.

Robert S. Davis leads the firm's public entity and insurance defense practice groups. His team represents governmental bodies and handles a wide range of litigation for insurers and self-insured entities. His litigation experience, particularly with institutional clients, adds a strong layer of risk management insight to the firm's offerings.

Both senior partners are actively involved in the firm's commercial and business litigation practices. With nearly 20 areas of legal service and a team that includes attorneys with backgrounds in finance, industry, and public service, Flowers Davis is well-equipped to support the needs of banks, credit unions, lenders, title companies, and financial service providers.

Clients benefit from a streamlined approach to service delivery: each is assigned a primary point of contact who coordinates across practice areas, ensuring consistency, responsiveness, and alignment with business goals.

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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 law firm with the experience and insight to help banks and private lenders navigate the complex regulatory, transactional, and litigation challenges that arise in today's financial landscape. We offer legal services tailored specifically to the needs of financial institutions—along with solutions that also support your clients and operational goals.

Lending Transactions

We understand that lending is more than just paperwork—it's a critical part of your business, and each transaction has its own set of risks and requirements. Our attorneys assist with both commercial and residential lending transactions, preparing and reviewing documents such as deeds, deeds of trust, loan agreements, lien releases, modification agreements, collateral substitution agreements, and loan participation agreements. We also handle real estate closings and servicing activities for both local and out-of-area lenders. Additionally, our team offers thorough title reviews and curative work to resolve defects and ensure clear ownership.

Operations & Compliance

In today's regulatory environment, compliance is non-negotiable. Our attorneys provide guidance on a wide range of regulatory matters, including compliance with TILA/RESPA Integrated Disclosures (TRID). We assist with drafting internal loan policies and procedures, structuring complex loan agreements, and advising on inter-creditor and subordination arrangements. We also help lenders proactively manage risk by advising on how to avoid lender liability—and we're ready to defend you if litigation arises.

Collections

Our bankruptcy and creditors' rights team represents lenders in all aspects of debt recovery, including bankruptcy, foreclosure, sequestration, and repossession. We work to protect and enforce your rights, whether through filing claims in bankruptcy, obtaining and executing writs of sequestration, filing forcible entry and detainer actions, or repossessing personal property. Our goal is always to help you recover assets quickly and efficiently.

Practicing Staff:

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

Document Preparation: [Celia Flowers](#), [Paul Brown](#), [Michael Carney](#), [Catherine Goodgion](#), [Scott Miller](#), [Melanie Reyes-Rawls](#), [Laci Stovall](#)

For Lenders and Your Clients

At Flowers Davis PLLC, we serve as an extension of your team—offering comprehensive transactional and litigation services not only to financial institutions, but also to your clients through your trusted referrals. Whether you're handling a complex transaction or supporting a borrower through a legal matter, our team is here to help.

Transactional Services

Real Estate

In addition to our lending-related services, we provide support for a wide range of real estate matters, including:

- Drafting governing documents for homeowners' associations (restrictive covenants, bylaws, articles of incorporation)
- Assisting associations with amendments to those documents
- Preparing residential and commercial leases and addressing landlord-tenant issues

Practicing Staff:

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

Of Counsel: Ellis Vickers

Business & Commercial

Our attorneys assist lenders and their clients with transactions that involve complex financial, legal, and environmental considerations, including:

- Business acquisitions and sales
- Mergers and joint ventures
- Oil and gas transactions and financing
- Land development projects

Practicing Staff:

Corporate Law: [Rob Knight](#), [Michael Carney](#), [Scott Miller](#), [Melanie Reyes-Rawls](#)

Of Counsel: Ellis Vickers

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

Of Counsel: Ellis Vickers

Litigation Services

Flowers Davis offers experienced legal representation in a wide range of business and real estate disputes. Our litigation team handles:

- Contract disputes
- Collection and recovery matters
- Premises liability defense
- DTPA claims
- Construction-related disputes
- HOA and landlord-tenant conflicts



- Boundary and title disputes
- Eminent domain and condemnation matters

Practicing Staff:

Business & Commercial Litigation: [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Melanie Reyes-Rawls](#)

Real Estate Litigation: [Celia Flowers](#), [Rob Knight](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Melanie Reyes-Rawls](#), [Laci Stovall](#)

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

Intellectual Property Services

Flowers Davis proudly offers comprehensive intellectual property (IP) services, including representation by a registered U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) attorney. We assist inventors, entrepreneurs, and businesses in protecting their innovations, designs, and creative works.

Our Patent Prosecutor provides the following services:

- Conducts patentability analyses to evaluate whether your invention, process, or design meets the criteria for patent protection.
- Prepares, drafts, and files patent applications with the USPTO.
- Represents clients in negotiations and responses to USPTO office actions.
- Conducts patent reviews and handles appeals before the USPTO.
- Prepares and files appeals with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Develops Patent Portfolio Management Plans designed to protect research and development efforts, strengthen market positions, create licensing revenue opportunities, and establish competitive barriers.
- Files Comprehensive Design Patents to protect clients from infringement by covering not only functional inventions but also complementary aspects such as trademarks, copyrights, and design elements.

Our IP team also includes an experienced IP litigator and a dedicated transactional IP attorney:

- Our litigator is well-versed in defending patents, trademarks, and copyrights and has extensive experience in federal court litigation. He regularly serves as local and trial counsel in patent infringement cases, including those pending before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas and its divisions.
- Our transactional IP attorney handles the drafting of licensing agreements and contracts and assists clients with securing trademarks and copyrights to protect their brands and creative works.

At Flowers Davis, we provide end-to-end intellectual property services designed to protect your innovations and support your business growth.

Practicing Staff: [Catherine Goodgion](#) (USPTO), [Preston McGee](#)

Other Legal Services

We also offer support in additional areas that may be valuable to your institution or your clients:

Estate Planning

From wills and probate to guardianships, trusts, and business succession planning, we help individuals and business owners plan for the future.

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

Employment Law

Our employment law team advises on policies, compliance, and employer defense strategies.

Practicing Staff: [Ginger Young](#)

Of Counsel: Ellis Vickers

No matter your legal needs—whether it's guidance on a business transaction, assistance with foreclosure or litigation, or long-term legal planning—we're here to help. We can assign a dedicated attorney as your single point of contact to ensure your matters are handled seamlessly and efficiently across practice areas.

Let's start with a conversation. Contact us to schedule a consultation with one of our experienced attorneys.

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Flowers Davis: A Strategic Legal Partner with Built-in Support for Lenders

At Flowers Davis PLLC, we understand that lenders need more than legal advice—they need a reliable partner who can offer end-to-end support. That’s why, under the leadership of **founding partner Celia C. Flowers**, we’ve built a network of affiliated companies designed to **work seamlessly together** and **deliver practical, timely solutions to lenders**.

Through this integrated model, our clients enjoy access to:

[East Texas Title Companies](#)

Licensed in an expanding number of Texas counties, this group provides dependable title evidence and real estate closing services that meet the demands of commercial and residential lending.

[East Texas Tax & Land Services](#)

A go-to resource for accurate title searches and tax certificates—especially for urgent or last-minute requests—keeping your transactions on track without unnecessary delays.

[RecordsOnline](#)

A technology-forward platform offering online access to real property records, supporting lenders, title professionals, and legal teams with fast, searchable data.

Together, these businesses were created to give lenders a single source for legal counsel, title services, due diligence, and document processing. This one-stop-shop approach streamlines your workflow, improves communication, and reduces turnaround time on transactions.

In addition, Celia C. Flowers offers **semi-annual lender training programs** to help financial professionals stay current on key industry topics such as real estate lending trends, legislative updates, RESPA compliance, and best practices. Celia’s expertise is nationally recognized—she is one of fewer than ten attorneys in Texas to be **Board Certified in four legal areas** by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization:

- Residential Real Estate Law
- Oil, Gas and Mineral Law
- Property Owners Association Law
- Civil Litigation

For lenders seeking knowledgeable counsel, integrated support services, and an ongoing educational resource, Flowers Davis delivers a complete solution.



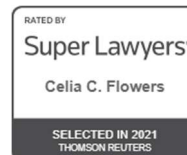
Select Members of the Firm

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CIVIL TRIAL LAW
OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LAW
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LAW
RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE LAW



Celia C. Flowers – Senior Partner, Industry Advocate, Thought Leader, Quadruple-Board-Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Celia C. Flowers is a Senior Partner at Flowers Davis PLLC, where she leads or co-leads the Oil, Gas & Energy, Real Estate, and Civil Litigation Sections.

Celia holds an unparalleled distinction as a quadruple Board-Certified attorney by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in:

- Oil & Gas Law
- Residential Real Estate Law
- Property Owners Association Law
- Civil Trial Law

Board Certification is the highest mark of excellence in Texas law, and only 0.01% of active Texas attorneys hold certification in four distinct areas—making this a remarkable achievement.

Areas of Practice & Industry Leadership

Celia's multi-faceted legal expertise spans:

- Oil & gas matters – Title opinions, surface damage disputes, receivership proceedings, and pipeline condemnation.
- Business & commercial litigation – Contract disputes, property claims, and real estate litigation.
- Real estate law – Title examination, transactional work, and advocacy for property owners.

Beyond her legal practice, Celia is the owner of East Texas Title Companies, which operates in over 80 Texas counties. Before becoming an attorney, she spent a decade as a petroleum landman, gaining firsthand industry insight that enhances her legal practice.

Recognized Expertise & Industry Advocacy

Celia is widely regarded as a thought leader and advocate for the oil and gas, real estate, and title insurance industries. Her board memberships, leadership roles, and speaking engagements include:

- Texas Title Examination Standards Board (since 2011) – Developing standards for title examination in real estate and oil and gas law.
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) – An exclusive, invitation-only group defending the right to civil jury trials.



- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau & Texas Department of Insurance – Speaking on legislative and regulatory matters.
- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Instructor – Training attorneys, landmen, and real estate professionals on legal updates.

Awards & Professional Distinctions

Celia's commitment to excellence has earned her:

- AV Preeminent® Rating by Martindale Hubbell (since 2014) – The highest level of peer-reviewed professional excellence.
- Texas Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters (since 2020).
- Fellow of the College of the State Bar of Texas – An honorary society recognizing the most well-trained attorneys in the state.

Commitment to Education & Industry Advancement

Celia is dedicated to educating and mentoring the next generation of legal and industry professionals. She provides:

- CLE training for attorneys
- MCE courses for realtors
- Educational seminars for landmen and lenders

A Leader in Texas Energy and Real Estate Law

With unmatched expertise, leadership, and dedication, Celia C. Flowers is a trusted legal advocate and industry leader. Her unique combination of legal, business, and industry experience makes her an indispensable resource for her clients, colleagues, and the broader Texas legal and business communities.

Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Civil Litigation, Eminent Domain/Condemnation, Legal Document Preparation, Oil, Gas & Energy Litigation, Oil, Gas & Energy Title Examination|Opinions, Real Estate Law, Real Estate Litigation, Transactions, Acquisitions & Development

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 1990
State Bar of Pennsylvania, 2012

Board Certifications

Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Oil Gas and Mineral Law, since 1997
Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Residential Real Estate Law, since 2000
Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Civil Trial Law, since 2002
Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Property Owners Association Law, since 2019

Court Admissions

US District Court, Eastern District of Texas
US District Court, Northern District of Texas

Education

Baylor University School of Law, J. D., 1990
University of Texas at Tyler, undergraduate studies, honors
Tyler Junior College, A.A., 1987, summa cum laude

Extracurricular

Order of Barristers
Baylor Law School Honors List
Carlton J. Smith Scholarship
Clifton Cummings Scholarship
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities
Dean's List
National Dean's List
President's Honor Roll
Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society

Community Involvement

Azleway Board
Cattle Baron's Ball
Texas Rose Festival
Women's Symphony League
Boys & Girls Club
Boy Scouts Luncheon
Mistletoe and Magic
Habitat for Humanity
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Memberships

Fellow in the College of the State Bar of Texas
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
State Bar of Texas
Rusk County Bar Association
Gregg County Bar Association
Van Zandt County Bar Association
Smith County Bar Association
International Right of Way Association
East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen
American Association of Petroleum Landmen
Oil & Gas Council of the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas
Independent Title Agents of Texas (2011-2012 President)
American Land Title Association
ALTA RESPA Implementation Task Force
ALTA Executive Committee, Abstractors and Title Insurance Section
Small Business Review Panel to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Texas Title Examinations Standards Board (since 2011)
Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section (REPTL) of the State Bar of Texas
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas
Texas Land Title Association (Board of Directors since 2004; President 2008-2009)
Texas Real Estate Commission-certified Instructor (Provider 0478)
American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), since 2022

Honors and Awards

Rated AV Preeminent® on Martindale.com and Lawyers.com, with 5.0 out of 5.0 client and peer ranking, since 2014
Selected by Thomson Reuters as a Texas Super Lawyer, 2020, 2021
East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen Pioneer Award, 2013
Greater Tyler Association of Realtors Affiliate of the Year, 2013
Texas Land Title Association Title Person of the Year, 2011
East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen President's Award, 2011
American Jurisprudence Award for Remedies
Edwin P. Horner Award for Oil & Gas
John R. Wilson Remedies Award

2025 “Who Owns the Lithium? The Wild, Wild West of the Future”, paper by Celia C. Flowers & Melanie S. Reyes-Rawls, published in Texas State Bar - Oil, Gas & Energy Section Law Journal, Spring 2025 issue, and in LANDMAN Magazine, March/April 2025 issue

2023 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMAN SPRING SEMINAR/Paper, “Cost-Free Royalties – The Continuing Evolution”, Fall 2023, Tyler, Texas, Celia Flowers and Melanie Reyes-Rawls

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2017 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEASE AND TITLE ANALYSTS SPRING SEMINAR – “

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2011 TEXAS REALTOR MAGAZINE, May 2011, “It’s the Little Things”, Celia C. Flowers, Contributor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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Rob Knight – Managing Partner, Oil & Gas and Real Estate Attorney

Rob Knight is the Managing Partner over the Oil and Gas Litigation, Appellate, and Transactional Sections at Flowers Davis PLLC. With a legal career spanning nearly two decades, Rob has extensive experience in oil and gas title opinions, real estate law, and estate planning.

Legal Experience & Expertise

Rob began his practice in Houston, Texas, where he handled cases in family, criminal, real estate, and probate law. He later relocated to Tyler, Texas, to focus on oil and gas title opinions. His practice includes:

- Oil, Gas & Energy Title Opinions – Preparing a wide range of opinions, including drilling, division order, leasehold, and unit-wide opinions for multi-state oil and gas operations.
- Real Estate Law – Rendering title opinions and consulting on title issues for residential and commercial loans, as well as municipal condemnation proceedings.
- Title Review & Title Insurance – Managing a team of attorneys who review over 1,500 real estate properties per month for title companies before issuing title insurance policies.
- Estate Planning – Assisting individuals in wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advanced directives, and Transfer on Death Deeds.

Rob has a strong grasp of real property law, including probate and family law, which frequently intersect with oil and gas matters. His expertise in identifying and curing title defects makes him a trusted resource for large multinational oil and gas companies, mid-sized and small local operators, and individual mineral rights owners.

Commitment to Efficiency & Quality

Rob understands the importance of accuracy and timeliness in real estate and oil and gas transactions. Whether preparing title opinions or assisting with title policies and loan issuances, he ensures that every project is completed efficiently and with the highest level of quality.

Outside of Work

Beyond the legal field, Rob is an avid outdoorsman and creative. His hobbies include:

- Playing guitar & painting
- Mountain biking & yoga
- Preparing for & competing in obstacle course races

A Leader in Oil & Gas, Real Estate, and Title Law

With a deep understanding of land title law and real property transactions, Rob Knight is a respected leader in oil and gas litigation, real estate, and estate planning. His ability to navigate complex legal and title issues ensures that his clients receive strategic, effective, and timely solutions.

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

<p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 2007</p> <p>Court Admissions U. S. District Court, Southern District of Texas</p> <p>Education South Texas College of Law, merit scholarship, cum laude, 2007 Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Science, Construction Science, 1999</p> <p>Extracurricular South Texas College of Law Moot Court Competition</p>	<p>Memberships State Bar of Texas State Bar of Texas Oil and Gas Law Section Harris County Attorney's Association Delta Theta Phi, a professional law fraternity Tau Sigma Delta, the Honors Society for Architecture and the Arts</p> <p>Honors and Awards The Order of the Lytae, a legal honors society South Texas School of Law Dean's Honor List College of Architecture Distinguished Students Roster, Spring 1997 and 1998</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 – Oil & Gas, Real Estate, and Estate Planning Attorney

Paul Brown has been with Flowers Davis since November 2020, focusing his practice on oil and gas title opinions, real estate law, and estate planning. With a strong background in the oil and gas industry, Paul brings extensive experience in land title research and real estate transactions, making him a trusted advisor for clients across multiple jurisdictions.

Oil & Gas Law Expertise

Paul has rendered drilling, division order, and acquisition title opinions across East Texas, South Texas, the Permian Basin, Ohio, New Mexico, and North Dakota, giving him a holistic view of the oil and gas industry. His knowledge extends to:

- Drafting joint operating agreements, farmout agreements, pooling and unitization agreements, lease addenda, mineral reservations, and assignments
- Assisting oil and gas companies in acquisition and divestiture of assets
- Drafting lien documents for bankruptcy filings on behalf of oil and gas operators
- Understanding and applying Texas Railroad Commission regulations and other play-specific drilling permit requirements
- Researching producing well data, HBP acreage, and proration units

Additionally, Paul shares his knowledge by teaching Introduction to Texas Oil and Gas Law to landmen and industry professionals at Kilgore College on a quarterly basis.

Real Estate & Business Law

Real estate law frequently intersects with oil and gas law and business law, and Paul's practice covers:

- Drafting promissory notes, mortgages, and deeds of trust for residential real estate closings
- Preparing UCC documents, employment dissolution agreements, and demand letters

Personal Interests

Outside of work, Paul is a travel enthusiast and an avid hiker of America's National Parks.

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

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2010

Education

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

Memberships

State Bar of Texas Oil and Gas Law Section

Extracurricular

Dean's List, University of Houston Law Center
Honor Court, The University of Texas at Austin

Community Involvement

Active member and volunteer at Dayspring Methodist Church



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Michael Carney – Associate Attorney

Michael Carney is an associate attorney at Flowers Davis' Tyler office, where he focuses primarily on estate planning and real estate law. With broad legal experience, he advises clients on estate planning strategies, probate proceedings, tutorships, and guardianships, helping them develop and implement comprehensive plans to protect their assets and loved ones.

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, he brings personal insight and a deep understanding of the challenges these families face, allowing him to provide tailored legal guidance with compassion and expertise.

Michael's real estate law practice is a natural extension of his estate planning work, requiring a strong understanding of property laws, probate laws, and asset protection strategies. He collaborates with lenders, title companies, individuals, and businesses to ensure that real estate transactions are handled efficiently and professionally. He also facilitates business entity formation and practices corporate transactional law.

Legal and Professional Experience

Before joining Flowers Davis, Michael honed his analytical and research skills as an analyst for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) in Washington, D.C. There, he:

- Drafted interpretive guidance regarding Board rules
- Prepared recommendations for Board action
- Assisted registered firms in resolving compliance issues

His legal experience also includes clerking for the Hon. John H. Bayly of the District of Columbia Superior Court, where he managed a high-volume criminal docket, conducted legal research, and drafted court orders.

During law school, Michael gained valuable insight into government and regulatory affairs through internships with a United States Senator and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Commission on Capital Markets, where he assisted in preparing briefing materials for the nomination of Chief Justice John Roberts.

Michael is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Texas.

Personal Life

Outside of work, Michael enjoys spending time with his wife and four children and exploring the great outdoors. He and his wife, Genevieve, are deeply committed to their family and community.

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

<p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 2010 State Bar of Louisiana, 2014 State Bar of Virginia, 2007 (inactive)</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Memberships State Bar of Texas Harry V. Booth Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court</p> <p>Honors and Awards Presidential Scholar, University at Albany, SUNY</p> <p>Extracurricular <i>Journal of Law, Philosophy, and Culture</i> Moot Court Corporate and Securities Law Program</p>
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Catherine Chesley Goodgion – Patent Prosecutor & Real Estate Attorney

Patent Law & Intellectual Property Expertise

Catherine Chesley Goodgion is a USPTO-licensed Patent Prosecutor, an elite designation requiring legal, scientific, and technical qualifications. To achieve this distinction, she:

- Earned a technical science degree and law degree
- Passed the USPTO bar examination
- Met stringent moral character and reputation standards

As a Patent Prosecutor, Catherine researches patentability, prepares and files patent applications, negotiates with the USPTO, files appeals, and helps businesses develop comprehensive intellectual property protection plans. Her expertise extends to trademarks and copyrights, ensuring robust IP protection for inventors and entrepreneurs.

Real Estate & Business Transactions

Catherine's legal practice also encompasses:

- Real Estate Transactions, Acquisitions & Development
- Document Preparation & Curative Title Work
- Drafting and reviewing purchase and sale agreements for residential and commercial transactions
- Handling complex curative issues in real estate law

She has extensive experience in asset acquisitions and divestitures, drafting key documents such as assignments, purchase and sale agreements, right-of-way agreements, easements, boundary line agreements, and affidavits of heirship.

Industry Experience & Business Perspective

Before passing the bar, Catherine worked as an Independent Petroleum Landman at Flowers Davis, running title, preparing runsheets, and completing ownership reports. Her business acumen is reinforced by her prior career as a Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist, where she exceeded sales targets for antidepressants, hormone therapy products, and insulin treatments. This diverse experience gives Catherine a unique business perspective in her legal practice, especially in pharmaceutical, medical, and oil & gas industries.

Professional Recognition & Personal Life

- Fellow, College of the State Bar of Texas (reserved for Texas attorneys completing double the required Continuing Legal Education)
- Active in CrossFit, running, water sports, and travel
- Enjoys time with her husband, Sam, and their three children
- Active members of 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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Preston McGee – Litigator, Civil & Personal Injury Trial Lawyer

Board-Certified Trial Attorney

Preston McGee is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization—an achievement held by fewer than 1% of Texas attorneys with dual certifications. He has devoted his career to defending businesses, both large and small, in commercial and personal injury litigation.

Legal Expertise

Preston has an extensive trial practice, including:

- Commercial & Personal Injury Litigation – Defending businesses in complex disputes
- Construction Litigation – Successfully representing contractors and subcontractors against commercial and governmental claims
- Oil & Gas Litigation – Handling injury and condemnation cases for major oil and gas companies
- Medical & Professional Liability – Defending professionals in malpractice and liability claims
- Intellectual Property Litigation – Acting as local and trial counsel for businesses and corporations in federal cases pending in the Eastern District of Texas
- DTPA & Employment Law – Representing individuals and businesses in consumer protection and employment-related disputes

Career & Background

After earning his law degree from Baylor University Law School, Preston began his career at the Potter Law Firm in Tyler. His early success led to him being recognized as the Smith County Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer in 1996. He founded his own firm in 1998 before joining Flowers Davis in 2001, where he continues to vigorously advocate for his clients in trial practice.

Personal Life & Community Involvement

A sixth-generation Texan and East Texas native, Preston and his wife Liz have called Tyler home since 1986. They share a close-knit family with their children and their spouses: Peyton & Katelaine McGee, Emily & Bill Boyd, and Abby & Harrison Pollard.

Preston is deeply committed to his community and faith, serving as a Deacon and adult Connect Group leader at his local church. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf, cheering on his favorite football and basketball teams, and most of all, spending time with his family.

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 & Energy Litigation, Professional Liability, Real Estate Litigation

<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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Scott Miller – Real Estate, Banking & Business Law Attorney

Experienced Legal Counsel for Financial & Real Estate Institutions

Scott Miller is a seasoned attorney specializing in Real Estate, Banking, Mortgage Lending, and Business Law. With a background in both retail banking and title insurance, Scott brings a unique insider perspective to his legal practice, making him a trusted advisor to financial institutions, title companies, and businesses across Texas.

Legal & Financial Expertise

Scott provides comprehensive legal representation in:

- Banking & Mortgage Lending – Advising banks, credit unions, and mortgage lenders on regulatory compliance, loan structuring, and financial transactions
- Real Estate Law – Handling commercial and residential real estate transactions, title matters, and lending documentation
- Business Law – Assisting companies with contracts, entity formation, and general business transactions
- Title Insurance & Escrow Matters – Representing title companies and escrow officers in legal and regulatory issues

Professional Background

Scott began his legal career as an in-house attorney for a farm and ranch bank in East Texas, where he gained hands-on experience in agricultural lending and financial services law. Before law school, he spent a decade in retail banking, serving as a loan officer, banking center manager, and regional manager overseeing 30+ branches in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Additionally, he worked as an escrow officer for a national title insurance underwriter, giving him a deep understanding of real estate transactions and title issues.

Personal Life & Community

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

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

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2003

Education

Texas A&M University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, 2003

Memberships

State Bar of Texas, Real Estate Section

Community Involvement

Longview Arboretum and Nature Center, Board Member



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Melanie Reyes-Rawls – Board-Certified Attorney in Oil & Gas Law - Serving Business, Energy, Real Estate, and Estate Planning Clients

Melanie Reyes-Rawls has been with Flowers Davis since September 2004, focusing on oil, gas and energy title opinions, expert energy consulting, and real estate transactions. She is Board Certified in Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization—a distinction held by fewer than 6% of Texas attorneys. Licensed to practice law in Texas and New Mexico, Melanie primarily represents national and international petroleum companies, delivering drilling and division order title opinions.

Expertise in Oil & Gas and Real Estate Law

Melanie's deep experience in property law allows her to advise clients on:

- Drilling and division order title opinions
- Oil and gas transactions and consulting
- Real estate transactions
- Eminent domain proceedings
- Real property-related litigation and appeals

Estate Planning Services

Beyond her property law practice, Melanie assists individuals with comprehensive estate planning, including:

- Wills and trusts
- Powers of attorney
- Advanced directives
- Transfer on Death Deeds

Legal Background & Early Career

After graduating in the top 10% of her law school class, Melanie began her legal career as a Briefing Attorney for the Honorable Justices James Baker and Michael H. Schneider of the Texas Supreme Court. She then practiced at Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas, specializing in oil and gas, antitrust, appellate, and intellectual property law.

Personal Interests

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

Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Estate Planning - Wills & Trusts, Legal Document Preparation, Oil, Gas & Energy Title Examination, Oil, Gas & Energy Expert Consulting, Oil, Gas & Energy Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Real Estate Transactions

<p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 2003 State Bar of New Mexico, 2018</p> <p>Board Certifications Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, since 2014</p> <p>Court Admissions U. S. District Court, Northern District of Texas</p> <p>Education University of Tulsa College of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 2002 Oklahoma State University/Langston, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 1999</p>	<p>Certifications Texas Real Estate Commission MCE Instructor</p> <p>Memberships 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>Honors and Awards 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

2025 “Who Owns the Lithium? The Wild, Wild West of the Future”, paper by Celia C. Flowers & Melanie S. Reyes-Rawls, published in Texas State Bar - Oil, Gas & Energy Section Law Journal, Spring 2025 issue, and in LANDMAN Magazine, March/April 2025 issue

2023 EAST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMAN SPRING SEMINAR/Paper, “Cost-Free Royalties – The Continuing Evolution”, Fall 2023, Tyler, Texas, Celia Flowers and Melanie Reyes-Rawls

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 – Business Transactions, Real Estate & Oil & Gas Litigation Attorney

Legal Expertise & Career Journey

Laci Stovall focuses her legal practice at Flowers Davis on business transactions, real estate litigation, and oil and gas litigation. A licensed attorney since 2020, her passion for the legal field began in 2010 when she worked as a runner for a Tyler law firm. She gained further business law and litigation insights through internships at local firms and later assisted low-income rural Mississippi residents in forming LLCs as a Student Attorney for the University of Mississippi Transactional Law Clinic.

Prior to joining Flowers Davis in 2022, Laci built a strong foundation in business transactional law, property/real estate law, oil and gas law, and estate planning. With three years of experience in the oil and gas industry, she brings a well-rounded and pragmatic approach to legal problem-solving.

Education & Community Involvement

Laci's academic background includes:

- B.A. in History – Texas A&M University
- M.A. in Communication Studies (Rhetorical Theory Emphasis) – University of North Texas Toulouse Graduate School
- Juris Doctorate – University of Mississippi School of Law

Throughout her education, Laci was actively involved in university and community organizations, focusing on philanthropy and community outreach—values she continues to uphold in her professional and personal life.

Personal Life & Passion for Inclusivity

Originally from Troup, Texas, Laci is a dedicated single mother to her spirited daughter, Thea Rene' ("Lil Miss"), whom she affectionately calls "the next R.B.G." She is passionate about fostering inclusivity and equity and strives to be a strong role model for her daughter.

Outside of work, Laci enjoys spending time with Thea, embracing the joys of motherhood, and working toward a more just and inclusive world.

Practice Areas: Business & Commercial Litigation, Legal Document Preparation, Oil, Gas & Energy Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Transactions, Acquisitions & Development, Estate Planning

<p>Bar Admissions State Bar of Texas, 2020</p> <p>Education University of Mississippi School of Law, Juris Doctor, Business Law, 2018 University of North Texas Toulouse Graduate School, Master of Communication Studies, Rhetorical Theory, 2015 Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Arts, History, 2013</p> <p>Memberships State Bar of Texas Smith County Bar Association, since 2021 Tyler Young Professionals Network, since 2019 The Federalist Society</p>	<p>Extracurricular Student Bar Association Business Law Network Christian Legal Society Women's Legal Society Environmental Law Society Director of Social Media and Finance of COGS (Communication Organization for Graduate Students) Alpha Chi Omega, Assistant Philanthropy Event Coordinator Phoebe's Home (Domestic Violence Shelter), Volunteer Howdy Ags, Member Breathe Hope, Member</p>
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Ginger Young – Immigration Attorney & Community Advocate

Since 2009, Ginger Young has been a dedicated immigration attorney at Flowers Davis, PLLC, focusing on family-based immigration, permanent residency, and naturalization cases. As an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Ginger stays at the forefront of immigration law, ensuring her clients receive the most informed and effective representation possible.

Legal Experience & Career Journey

Ginger's legal career has spanned multiple practice areas, all with a focus on advocating for and defending her clients:

- Law School & Early Career – Interned for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), gaining experience in civil rights law.
- Fanning, Harper & Martinson (Dallas) – Represented school districts and governmental entities in civil rights and employment litigation.
- Thompson & Knight (Houston) – Continued her work in employment and labor defense.
- Flowers Davis, PLLC (Since 2000) – Initially focused on civil rights and employment litigation, defending governmental and law enforcement agencies before transitioning to immigration law in 2009.

Passion for Immigration Law

Ginger's shift to immigration law was driven by her desire to help clients build better lives. Since making this transition, she has helped countless individuals and families navigate the complexities of U.S. immigration law, providing compassionate and results-driven representation.

Community Leadership & Advocacy

Beyond the courtroom, Ginger is deeply committed to empowering and integrating the Hispanic community in East Texas. In 2022, she founded Viva La Rosa, a nonprofit dedicated to Latino cultural and social inclusion. Its first major initiative was integrating Hispanic representation into the Texas Rose Festival, where over 40 quinceañeras from 20 Hispanic heritage countries participated in the parade—a historic and now annual event. Flowers Davis proudly sponsors the float, and Ginger personally ensures families can attend the Coronation.

A Trusted Advocate for Immigration & Inclusion

Ginger's bilingual skills (fluent in Spanish), deep legal knowledge, and commitment to her community make her an outstanding advocate for immigrant families. Whether fighting for clients' rights or leading cultural initiatives, she is dedicated to making a meaningful impact.

Life Outside of Work

Ginger enjoys spending time with her husband, Bob, and daughter, Olivia, and continuing her mission to uplift and support her community.

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

While Flowers Davis PLLC is committed to providing top-tier legal services to the financial sector, our team also includes attorneys who specialize in a wide range of other industries. These professionals bring deep expertise in areas outside of banking and finance, allowing us to provide comprehensive legal support across diverse sectors.



Robert Davis
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



Chad Rook
Attorney | Partner

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



J. Mitchell Beard
Attorney

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



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



Jose Castaneda
Attorney

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



Jack Fulgham
Attorney

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



Robin O'Donoghue
Attorney

Practice Areas: Defense of Governmental Entities, Insurance Defense

Additional Practice Areas

Flowers Davis practice areas not covered in this document are listed below. Click on the links for more information.

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