



## 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

Located in Tyler, Texas, **Flowers Davis PLLC** is a dynamic, multi-disciplinary law firm committed to delivering exceptional legal services with efficiency and integrity. Since our founding in 1994 by Senior Partners **Celia C. Flowers** and **Robert S. Davis**, our practice has grown around their extensive expertise and leadership.

**Robert Davis** oversees our insurance defense, public entity, and first-party insurance litigation practices. With over 100 jury trials and nearly 200 appellate cases argued before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Robert is a highly respected litigator. He also represents clients in state appellate courts and leads cases involving municipalities, counties, and law enforcement agencies.

**Celia Flowers** is one of only nine attorneys among more than 103,000 active lawyers in Texas to hold **quadruple Board Certification by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization**—a remarkable distinction. She is Board Certified in **Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Real Estate Law, Property Owner Association Law, and Civil Trial Law**. Under her leadership, our oil and gas and real estate practices have flourished, covering everything from litigation and title opinions to real estate closings and document preparation.

Both Senior Partners actively participate in **business and commercial litigation**, and their dedication sets the tone for the entire firm.

Today, our team of attorneys serves **nearly 20 practice areas**, bringing with them diverse backgrounds from industry and public service. This real-world experience gives us unique insight into the challenges our clients face and allows us to offer practical, results-driven legal solutions.

### Flowers Davis: East Texas' Go-To Firm for Insurance Defense

At **Flowers Davis**, we're proud to be recognized as a premier choice for **comprehensive insurance defense** in East Texas and beyond. We handle a wide range of matters, including:

- Property and casualty claims
- Premises liability
- Construction and property damage
- Oil and gas litigation
- Title and realtor E&O
- Auto and trucking accidents
- Third- and first-party insurance claims (including bad faith, uninsured motorist, hail damage, and agent liability)
- Professional liability, commercial litigation, and employment law

**Seven of our attorneys** focus primarily on insurance defense, and many are admitted to practice in all four U.S. District Courts in Texas. Several can represent clients before the **U.S. Supreme Court** and the **Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals**, giving us exceptional reach and capability.

**Senior Partner Robert Davis** and **Partner Chad Rook** are members of the **American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)**, an elite, invitation-only organization that honors trial lawyers who have demonstrated excellence in the courtroom and professionalism in practice.

**Partner Preston McGee** holds **dual Board Certifications by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization**—in **Civil Trial Law** and **Personal Injury Trial Law**. Fewer than 7% of Texas attorneys are Board Certified in any area, and even fewer hold certification in multiple fields. Preston’s recent work includes representing contractors and subcontractors in complex construction litigation, achieving favorable outcomes for our clients.

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At **Flowers Davis**, we offer unmatched depth and experience in insurance defense, business litigation, public entity representation, and construction law. Our team delivers high-quality, coordinated service across practice areas, allowing us to address even the most complex legal matters with confidence and efficiency.

We’re ready to put our experience to work for you—and we look forward to earning your trust.



## 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.*

*Visit [FlowersDavis](#) for more information.*

## Insurance Defense

At **Flowers Davis**, our Insurance Defense team actively represents major carriers in both **third-party and first-party claims**. From our offices in **Tyler** and **Longview**, we handle a wide array of active litigation, including matters related to:

- Property and casualty
- Auto and trucking liability
- Premises liability
- Commercial and general liability
- Builder's risk

We also provide **direct representation to carriers in first-party litigation** and offer **in-depth coverage opinions** to help our clients assess exposure and strategy.

Practicing Staff: [Lee Correa](#), [Robert Davis](#), [Jose Castaneda](#), [Jim Evans](#), [Jack Fulgham](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Chad Rook](#)

## Business and Commercial Litigation

Our Business and Commercial Litigation team represents clients in disputes across a wide range of industries. As Texas continues to lead in both economic and population growth, **construction litigation** has become a major focus, often involving large-scale commercial or government projects. We represent **contractors, subcontractors, developers, lenders, insurers**, and other stakeholders in high-stakes disputes.

Our attorneys also defend clients against claims involving **consumer protection laws**, including lawsuits filed under the **Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA)**. Senior Partners **Celia Flowers** and **Robert Davis** are deeply involved in these matters, along with several other team members.

Practicing Staff: [Mitch Beard](#), [Lee Correa](#), [Robert Davis](#), [Preston McGee](#), [Chad Rook](#)

## Defense of Governmental Entities

Flowers Davis has long been a trusted partner for governmental clients, having represented **over 45 counties**, as well as cities and school districts across Texas. We defend **individual officials** and **public entities** in a broad range of matters, including:

- Auto accidents
- Medical liability
- Premises defects
- Civil rights claims
- Employment law issues
- Workers' compensation
- Bail bond forfeitures
- Tax and regulatory matters
- Sexually oriented business disputes

Practicing Staff: [Lee Correa](#), [Robert Davis](#), [Jose Castaneda](#), [Jack Fulgham](#), [Chad Rook](#), [Ginger Young](#)

## Medical Liability

Our Medical Liability team defends **physicians and medical professionals** facing malpractice claims. We understand the **personal, professional, and financial impact** of such allegations and approach each case with thorough preparation and discretion. Our process includes:

- Detailed investigation and case evaluation
- Comprehensive medical record review
- Coordination with expert witnesses
- Strategic use of deposition testimony

We also work **proactively** with clients on **risk management**, including recordkeeping and informed consent procedures, to help reduce the likelihood of future litigation.

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

## Professional Liability

Our Professional Liability team is experienced in handling **Errors and Omissions (E&O) claims** and other sensitive matters affecting professionals across industries, including **attorneys, insurance agents**, and other licensed professionals. Based in **Tyler**, we understand the importance of protecting both your **reputation** and **livelihood**.

Our goal is to resolve claims efficiently—either through **early resolution** or **vigorous courtroom advocacy**, depending on what best serves our clients' interests.

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

## Oil and Gas Litigation

Led by **Celia C. Flowers**, one of the few attorneys in Texas who is **quadruple Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization**—including in **Oil, Gas and Mineral Law**—our team handles a wide range of oil and gas disputes. These include:

- Royalty and contract disputes
- Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) issues
- Surface damage claims
- Injunctions
- Leasehold and mineral rights disputes
- We also assist with **right-of-way acquisition** and **eminent domain** for pipeline companies, utilities, and municipalities.
- Our clients include:
  - Major oil and gas producers
  - Pipeline companies
  - Service companies and contractors
  - Landowners and mineral interest owners

When oil and gas matters intersect with insurance issues, our **Oil & Gas** and **Insurance Defense** teams collaborate to deliver seamless representation.

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

## Employment Law

The Flowers Davis Employment Law team advises businesses on a wide range of employment matters—from **contracts and employee benefits to compliance training and internal policies**. We also defend against employment-related claims including:

- FLSA and Title VII claims
- EEOC and TCHR complaints
- ADEA and ADA litigation
- Workers' compensation retaliation claims under the Texas Labor Code

Our team combines **preventive counsel** with **litigation defense** to help employers navigate regulatory complexity while protecting their interests.

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

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See individual attorney profiles for their specific practice areas.*



## 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 – Senior Partner at Flowers Davis PLLC

### Leadership and Legal Expertise

Robert S. Davis is a Senior Partner at Flowers Davis PLLC, where he oversees multiple practice areas, including:

- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Defense
- Defense of Governmental Entities
- Employment Law
- Medical Liability

With extensive experience representing governmental entities and government officials, Robert has successfully managed a wide range of litigation matters, including first-party and third-party insurance claims, as well as medical malpractice cases for both private practitioners and county health authorities.

### A Distinguished Career

Since co-founding Flowers Davis in 1994, Robert has personally tried more than 100 cases to verdict in state and federal courts. Additionally, he has served as lead counsel in 198 appellate cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and has handled several state court appellate cases.

Before founding Flowers Davis, Robert began his legal career in 1988 as a Briefing Attorney for the Honorable Justice Sue LaGarde at the 5th Judicial District Court of Appeals in Dallas, Texas. He later served as a Law Clerk to United States District Judge William M. Steger from 1989 to 1991.

### Notable Contributions

During law school, Robert worked as the assistant legislative liaison for Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade and his successor, John Vance. He authored a paper on recidivism and the need for increased prison capacity, which was published by the Texas Governor's Office and featured by major news media outlets in Texas.

Over the years, Robert has been a key contributor to numerous educational and professional groups. He has written and presented more than 40 papers on various topics, including civil rights, medical malpractice, and employment law. His presentations have been made to organizations such as:

- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Sheriff's Association
- Texas Association of Counties
- Texas Jail Association
- Jail Management Institute of Sam Houston State University
- Texas Chief Deputies' Association

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

<p><b>Education</b>          Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1988          Trinity University, Bachelor of Science, History, 1985</p> <p><b>Bar Admissions</b>          State Bar of Texas, November 1988</p> <p><b>Court Admissions</b>          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 &amp; Western Districts of Arkansas (2006)          United States District Courts for the Eastern &amp; Western Districts of New Mexico          United States District Courts for the Northern &amp; Southern Districts of Iowa          United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit (1991)          Supreme Court of the United States (1998)</p>	<p><b>Honors &amp; Awards</b>          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><b>Memberships</b>          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><b>Community Involvement</b>          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 – Litigation Attorney Specializing in Governmental Defense

Defending Government Officials & Businesses Since 2010

Lee Correa is a seasoned Litigation Attorney at Flowers Davis, where she specializes in governmental entity defense, particularly representing government officials and law enforcement personnel. Her extensive legal practice also includes:

- First-Party & Third-Party Insurance Litigation – Representing major insurance carriers in complex disputes
- Business Litigation – Handling contract disputes, collections, and general commercial litigation
- Hazmat-Related Litigation – Advising and defending entities in hazardous materials-related cases
- Entity Formation & Structuring – Assisting businesses with corporate structuring and legal compliance
- General Counsel for Businesses – Advising on employment law, contracts, and real estate matters

### Legal Background & Community Leadership

Before earning her law degree, Lee worked her way up from filing clerk to paralegal at Flowers Davis, solidifying her deep-rooted legal expertise. During law school, she gained invaluable experience clerking for United States Magistrate Judge Judith K. Guthrie in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas and interning at Lone Star Legal Aid in Tyler, Texas.

In 2018, Lee was appointed to the City of Tyler Civil Service Commission, where she continues to serve. She is also a recognized speaker, presenting at prominent legal and law enforcement conferences, including:

- Sheriffs' Association of Texas Annual Conference
- Women in Criminal Justice Conference
- New Sheriffs' School & Sheriffs' Administrative Assistants Conference
- Tyler Area Association of Legal Professionals

### East Texas Roots & Personal Life

A Tyler, Texas native, Lee developed an early appreciation for law enforcement, as her father served as a Tyler Police Officer for 20 years. She is a proud graduate of Texas A&M University and later earned her law degree from South Texas College of Law, Houston. Lee is married to Cory Shepherd and enjoys life in Tyler with their two beloved dogs, Chiquita and Beatrice.

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

<p><b>Education</b>          South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2009          Texas A&amp;M University, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, 2002</p> <p><b>Bar Admissions</b>          State Bar of Texas, 2010</p> <p><b>Community Involvement</b>          City of Tyler, Civil Service Commission Board, 2018-present          Smith County Young Lawyers Association, past Board Member</p>	<p><b>Court Admissions</b>          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><b>Memberships</b>          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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## 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><b>Bar Admissions</b> State Bar of Texas, 1986</p> <p><b>Board Certifications</b> Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Civil Trial Law, since 1992 Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Personal Injury Trial Law, since 1999</p> <p><b>Court Admissions</b> 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><b>Education</b> Baylor University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1986 Baylor University, Bachelor of Arts, History, 1983 (with honors)</p> <p><b>Honors &amp; Awards</b> Smith County Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer, 1996 – 1997 Baylor School of Law Phi Delta Phi Honor Fraternity – Magister</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b> 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><b>Extracurricular</b> 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><b>Community Involvement</b> 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 – Litigation & Insurance Defense Attorney

Experienced Trial Lawyer & Governmental Defense Advocate

Chad Rook has been a litigation attorney at Flowers Davis since 2006, focusing on Insurance Defense, Governmental Entity Defense, Medical Negligence, Professional Negligence, and Commercial Litigation. With over 30 years of experience, Chad has successfully tried numerous jury and non-jury cases across Texas and has argued cases on appeal in both state and federal courts.

### Legal Expertise

Chad's practice includes:

- Insurance Defense – Handling first-party and third-party insurance claims for major carriers, including State Farm, ProAssurance, and Travelers
- Defense of Governmental Entities – Representing counties, municipalities, and agencies in Civil Rights litigation, employment disputes, and Texas Tort Claims Act cases
- Medical & Professional Negligence Defense – Defending physicians, nurses, attorneys, and insurance agents/adjusters in malpractice and liability claims
- Texas Medical Board & Peer Review Defense – Advocating for physicians in regulatory matters before the Texas Medical Board and in hospital peer review proceedings
- Commercial Litigation – Handling business disputes, toxic tort cases, and trucking litigation

### Career Background

After earning his law degree in 1991, Chad launched his career at Fowler, Wiles, Norton & Keith in Dallas, specializing in medical malpractice, product liability, premises liability, and trucking litigation. In 1997, he co-founded Jones Rook Austin, a Dallas-based insurance defense and commercial litigation firm. He later joined Flowers Davis in 2006, where he continues to be a key trial attorney and trusted advisor to his clients.

### Personal Life & Community

Chad lives in Tyler, Texas, with his wife, Christina. They have five daughters: Caroline, Catherine, Sophie-Claire, Ella, and Rose. When he's not in the courtroom, Chad enjoys spending time with his family and being involved in his community.

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

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

#### Practice Focus

J. Mitchell Beard (Mitch) focuses his legal practice on general Civil Litigation and Oil and Gas Law. He represents a diverse range of clients, including both corporate and individual clients, with particular experience in condemnation actions for oil and gas corporations, as well as landowners. Mitch also provides legal representation in oil and gas transactions and disputes.

#### Career Background

Mitch joined Flowers Davis PLLC after his time at Wellborn, Houston, Adkison, Mann, Sadler & Hill, L.L.P. in Henderson, Texas, where he served first as an Associate Attorney and later as a Partner for seven years. His legal career has spanned a wide range of practice areas, including:

- General Civil Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Family Law
- Corporate and Business Law
- Oil and Gas Law
- Appellate Law
- Probate Law

Before entering the legal field, Mitch worked as a Registered Pharmacist (R. Ph.) for seven years, which has greatly contributed to his ability to handle medical malpractice cases, both from the plaintiff and defendant perspectives, as well as his approach to personal injury lawsuits.

#### Community Involvement

Mitch is deeply committed to his community, offering pro bono legal services and serving as ad litem for minor children in family law disputes and cases involving allegations of neglect or abuse. He has also provided legal advice and services benefiting the welfare of animals.

Mitch resides in Whitehouse, Texas, where he remains actively involved in local legal and charitable endeavors.

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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Jose Castaneda – Defense of Governmental Entities, Immigration Law & Insurance Defense Attorney

Professional Overview

Jose Castaneda is an Associate Attorney in the Tyler office of Flowers Davis, where his practice focuses primarily on the Defense of Governmental Entities, Immigration Law, and insurance defense. He brings significant insight into governmental operations, having previously served as an attorney for the Nacogdoches County Attorney’s Office. His experience includes matters involving sovereign immunity, search and seizure, eminent domain, the American Rescue Plan, the CARES Act, the Open Meetings Act, the Public Information Act, and multi-million-dollar contract negotiations. He has also collaborated closely with TAC legal counsel on civil litigation involving county interests. His background in contract review, litigation, and trial preparation further strengthens his Insurance Defense practice.

As a naturalized citizen, Jose’s commitment to Immigration Law is both professional and personal. He previously interned with the Catholic Charities of Dallas in its immigration legal services department, where he worked on VAWA matters, asylum cases, applications for residency, and naturalization filings. In his role as a prosecutor, he also assisted law enforcement agencies by preparing U-visa certifications for victims of qualifying crimes.

Legal Experience & Areas of Proficiency

Through the diverse matters he has handled throughout his career, Jose has developed extensive knowledge across numerous areas of Texas law, including the Penal Code, Family Code, Government Code, Election Code, Health and Safety Code, Property Code, civil procedure, labor and employment law, Texas regulations, legislative updates, and more.

Commitment to Community

Jose believes deeply in the value of community service as a way to bridge cultural gaps. He has taken on pro bono cases, served on community-focused boards, and is known for his compassionate nature—often helping to de-escalate challenging situations and serving as a trusted resource for constituents seeking legal or practical guidance.

Personal Background

Jose has lived primarily in East Texas since 2005 and has spent the bulk of his career serving government and law enforcement entities. He and his wife, Taryn Castaneda, live in his hometown of Athens, Texas, along with their two dogs, Teá and Luigi. Outside of his legal work, Jose enjoys spending time outdoors, watching Formula 1, cheering on the Dallas Cowboys, hunting and fishing.

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

<p><b>Bar Admissions</b> State Bar of Texas, 2022</p> <p><b>Education</b> Texas Tech University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, 2022 Stephen F. Austin State University, Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice-Legal Assistant, Spanish Minor, 2014</p> <p><b>Extracurricular</b> Texas Tech Law Review Vol 53, Staff Member, Spring 2021 Texas Tech Law Review Vol 54, Article Editor Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society National Mock Trial Team, Phi Alpha Delta competition, Spring 2021 National Mock Trial Team, Tex-ABOTA competition, Fall 2021 SFA Athletics, student manager, football team Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc., President, Vice President, Treasurer Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Honor Society</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b> State Bar of Texas Nacogdoches County Bar Association, Treasurer (1-2 years)</p> <p><b>Honors and Awards</b> George E. Gilkerson Endowed Scholarship Recipient Board of Barristers: 1L Negotiations, octo-finalist; 1L Mock Trial, octo-finalist; 3L Advanced Negotiations, quarterfinalist Texas Tech Law Review Vol 54, “Outstanding Third Year” Award Recipient Department of Government Outstanding Criminal Justice Award, top criminal justice student</p> <p><b>Community Involvement</b> Brown Family Health Center, Nacogdoches, Board Member Nacogdoches County Community Coalition, 2018-2019 Nacogdoches High School Mentorship Program, 2018-2019</p>
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**Jim Evans: Experienced Civil Litigator and Appellate Advocate with Practical Business Perspective**  
 Professional Background

Jim Evans joined Flowers Davis in January 2026, where his practice focuses on Insurance Defense, Medical and Professional Liability Defense, and Civil Litigation. Licensed since 2006, Jim offers broad experience in civil litigation from a varied background in insurance defense, constitutional law, energy, property, and business. He has broad transactional knowledge from his years in-house with a respected private oil and gas company. Jim is known as a thoughtful and effective advocate, having successfully worked on appeals before the Texas Courts of Appeals, the Texas Supreme Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He brings a practical perspective to his work, seeking solutions that minimize litigation where possible. His experience in evaluating business risk further strengthens his ability to provide sound, real-world guidance tailored to each client’s needs.

**Professional and Community Involvement**

Outside of his legal practice, Jim remains actively involved in several professional organizations, his children’s many activities, and is a dedicated member of South Spring Baptist Church, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to both the legal profession and his community.

Practice Areas: Insurance Defense, Medical Liability, Professional Liability, Civil Litigation

<p><b>Bar Admissions</b>                  State Bar of Texas, May 2006                  The Supreme Court of the United States, April 2023</p> <p><b>Court Admissions</b>                  United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas                  United States District Court, Northern District of Texas                  United States District Court, Western District of Texas                  United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit                  United States Supreme Court</p> <p><b>Education</b>                  South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2005                  University of Denver, Energy Finance and Management Certificate, November 2014                  Hampden-Sydney College, Bachelor of Arts, History, 1995</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b>                  State Bar of Texas                  Smith County Bar Association                  Federalist Society, Tyler Lawyers’ Chapter                  Republican National Lawyers Association</p> <p><b>Community Involvement</b>                  South Spring Baptist Church, Member                  Heart of Tyler, former Board Member                  Eagle Scout</p>
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John (“Jack”) Rawls Fulgham – Attorney Specializing in Governmental Defense, Insurance, and Tax Planning

Comprehensive Expertise in Taxation, Governmental Defense, and Insurance

Jack Fulgham is an experienced attorney at Flowers Davis with a specialized focus on the Defense of Governmental Entities, Insurance Defense, and Tax Planning. With a strong foundation in taxation, Jack’s diverse skill set allows him to provide holistic legal advice for clients across various sectors.

Educational Background and Taxation Expertise

- Master of Personal Financial Planning (MPFP) and Juris Doctor (JD) – Texas Tech University
- Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation – Georgetown University Law Center

Jack’s dual educational background in law and taxation enables him to offer comprehensive solutions, particularly in complex tax matters.

Professional Experience

Before joining Flowers Davis, Jack served as a Senior Associate in the Mergers and Acquisitions Tax Division of PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC). In this role, Jack:

- Performed tax due diligence and drafted reports on acquisitions involving C Corps, S Corps, and partnerships targeted by private equity and corporate entities.
- Developed legal entity restructuring and reorganization plans for both domestic and multinational corporations.

Invaluable Legal Experience

While completing his degrees, Jack gained significant legal experience as:

- A staff member at the Texas Tech University Tax Center
- A legal intern at Flowers Davis
- An oil and gas acquisitions intern at Royalty Clearinghouse Ltd.

These roles gave Jack hands-on experience in tax court petitions, tax compliance, and working on briefs for the Supreme Court of Texas and federal district court in defense of governmental entities.

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

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2017

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, Master of  
Laws in Taxation, *cum laude*, May 2018

Texas Tech University School of Law, Juris Doctor,  
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Texas Tech University, Master of Personal  
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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

<p><b>Bar Admissions</b> State Bar of Texas, 1996</p> <p><b>Court Admissions</b> 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</p> <p><b>Education</b> South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, 1996 Newcomb College of Tulane University, Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, 1986</p> <p><b>Honors &amp; Awards</b> 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 &amp; 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</p>	<p><b>Memberships</b> American Immigration Lawyers Association State Bar of Texas American Bar Association Federal Bar Association Smith County Bar Association</p> <p><b>Community Involvement</b> 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 &amp; 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</p>
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## Additional Members of the Firm

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



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Practice Areas: Immigration Law



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