

Denise Davis Joins Baker Botts as Special Counsel in Austin Office

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HOUSTON -- Denise Davis, who has advised a number of the state's leading lawmakers on legal issues dealing with parliamentary law and procedure, has joined Baker Botts L.L.P. as special counsel in the firm's government relations practice. She will be based in Austin.

Davis most recently served as Parliamentarian and Special Counsel to the Texas House of Representatives. She has 14 years of legal experience in the Texas House, the Texas Senate, and the Supreme Court of Texas. She has also served as general counsel for Lt. Governor William Ratliff and as director and counsel to the Texas Judicial Council under then Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court Tom Phillips. Phillips is now a partner at Baker Botts working out of the firm's Austin office.

"Denise brings to our firm an extensive and unique knowledge of Texas parliamentary procedure and the legislative process through her experience working in state government," said Walt Smith, Managing Partner of Baker Botts. "As we continue to build our government relations practice, Denise will provide the type of quality insight into the inner workings of state government that our clients expect from Baker Botts lawyers."

Davis' practice at Baker Botts will focus mainly on legislative policy and procedure.

"The legal process surrounding local and state government issues can often be challenging," Davis said. "But as with any complex matter, fully understanding the issues and the people involved in them often provides a clear course of action needed to resolve the matter. Having worked extensively in all branches of state government for some 14 years has given me the knowledge and experience necessary to guide our clients through these types of issues that require careful review and management."

Davis earned her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas. While attending law school, she served on the editorial board of the American Journal of Criminal Law. Davis also served as a public information officer for Lt. Governor William P. Hobby before obtaining her law degree.

Davis has received numerous honors for her leadership and work in the community, including being named a "Top 40 under 40" by Emerge Magazine. She currently serves as

the Regional Parliamentarian for Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, and is a member of Links, Incorporated.

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