

# Judge Dedra Davis Champions the 'Rule of Law' and Youth Mentorship in the 270th District Court

*Judge Davis emphasizes judicial integrity over personal opinion and highlights her "Honorary Judge of the Day" program, which has hosted over 1,000 students.*

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-- In an era where the role of the judiciary is often debated, [Judge Dedra](#)

[Davis](#) of the 270th District Court is standing firm on a platform of experience, integrity, and community investment. Beyond her docket, Judge Davis has distinguished herself through her strict adherence to the Rule of Law and her "Honorary Judge of the Day" program, which aims to diversify the future of the legal profession.

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In a recent interview, Judge Davis discussed the importance of judicial restraint and her passion for showing young people that the courthouse belongs to them, too.

Q: You often speak about the difference between the legislative and judicial branches. What is your philosophy on a judge's role in following the law?

Judge Dedra Davis: My philosophy is simple: the law is the law. We have three branches of government for a reason. The legislative branch creates the law, and the judicial branch interprets it. It is egregious to hear anyone running for a judgeship say they will not follow the law if they personally think it is "unjust."

As a judge, I have discretion in certain areas, I can give a party more time, or encourage them to talk it out to find a more fair solution. But at the end of the day, as a trial judge, I cannot rewrite the law from the bench. That is an abomination of the judicial role. Whether I agree with it personally or not, I am sworn to uphold it, and that stability is what protects our democracy.



Q: You are also deeply invested in the next generation. Can you tell us about your "Honorary Judge of the Day" program?

Judge Dedra Davis: This is one of the programs for which I am most proud. Since I have been on the bench, I have had over 1,000 young people come into the courtroom to sit on the bench and learn about the justice system.

In Harris County civil court, we aren't sending people to jail; we are dealing with money and disputes. I want the students to learn the difference. I also want them to know that there are good careers at the courthouse, court reporters, clerks, coordinators, etc. that offer great benefits and retirement. You don't have to be a lawyer or a judge to work at the courthouse. If I can help a young person find a stable career at the courthouse, it can change the whole trajectory of the young person's family.

Q: You campaigned on being "The Difference." How does your background influence how you treat people in your court?

Judge Dedra Davis: I brought 32 years of legal experience to the bench, including 10 years as a paralegal and 22 years running my own law firm. I understand the people who come before me in court.

"Blind justice" is important, but sometimes a judge needs to see. I need to see if a litigant is having trouble reading a document because they are visually impaired or perhaps illiterate. I need to see if someone is struggling with English and needs a translator so they aren't discriminated against. Being "The Difference" means doing the extra work to ensure everyone, regardless of their background, understands what is happening to them in court and receives true due process.



## About Judge Dedra Davis

Judge Dedra Davis presides over the 270th District Court in Harris County, Texas. A graduate of South Texas College of Law, she has been recognized for her efficiency in trial management and her dedication to community outreach. For more information, visit [dedradavisforjudge.com](https://dedradavisforjudge.com).

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