

Pam Davis for 261st Civil District Court

(AUSTIN, TX) - At 17 years old, Pam Davis was a bright and energetic straight A student and served as president of her high school senior class.

She'd picked up a job installing displays for Johnson and Johnson hair products. One day while installing a *Soft & Beautiful* display in a retail store, she paused mid-aisle, realizing her purse had a broken zipper.

Even to this day, she remembers the sound as she worked the zipper back and forth, and the vibrations of the metal clasp over the zipper teeth. She was so involved in working the zipper free that she didn't notice the heavy steps coming near.

A hand grabbed her upper arm, almost causing her to spill the contents of her purse. A plain clothes officer working security escorted her to the back of the store, where she met a second officer.

She was in a state of shock, accused of a crime that, in one instant, could derail her future. Frightened, alone, and isolated, she began to blame herself as she was roughly questioned by the two police officers.

But in that moment, Pam remembered the voice of her mother, Flora Foster, who completed a degree in Sociology in her 40's. Joining her mother was the voice of her father, the late and great Preacher Thomas Foster. A man who began his life as a child sharecropper to become the first African American to earn a civil engineering degree from the University of Arkansas and who later taught at Texas Southern University.

Their voices told her to stand up, to speak up, and that the sacrifices of so many



Pam Davis

generations before her would not be jeopardized by an act of injustice. In that moment, Pam not only spoke up for herself, she decided to speak up for others. This incident, among others, would propel Pam to eventually become an attorney and defend others against all forms of injustice and serve as a voice for the voiceless.

Today, Pam Davis is running for the 261st District Court, seeking to fill the vacancy left by Judge Lora Livingston, who is leaving a rich legacy as an advocate for giving back to the community through pro bono services. In fact, Pam was honored a few weeks ago as one of this year's Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas Judge Suzanne Covington Pro Bono Service Award honorees.

"I've driven to elderly client's homes so they don't have to travel, volunteered pro bono with Legal Services of Central Texas, served as an election judge and election clerk, helped people register to vote, marched against gun violence, and helped call the elderly about where to get tested for Covid as a Democratic Party volunteer," Pam Davis said when asked about giving back to the community. "I've never sought accolades as a measure of career success,

but rather measured success as my parents would, in community impact," Pam said.

Pam Davis earned a Bachelor in Sociology from UT Austin, the same degree for which her mother returned to school. She earned a law degree from Texas Southern University where her father once taught. And she didn't stop there. After graduating from law school, she worked with friends to provide a free community legal clinic, every Saturday, for two years

For approximately 9 years, Pam served as an Assistant Attorney General in the child support division where she conducted hundreds of family law hearings and eventually became responsible for managing litigation, managing State and Federal Legislation, serving on the 82nd and 83rd Legislative team, and providing in-house law services to all child support offices in Texas.

As a solo practitioner, Pam practices family law, criminal law, and civil law, consisting of personal injury, real estate, employment, wills, probate, business incorporations, and tax cases.

In Travis County District Courts, 64% of the case load is in family law and the remaining 36% are civil cases. With 23 years as an attorney, Pam Davis enters the race with twice the experience as any other candidate and is the only candidate for the 261st District Court that is Texas Board Certified in Family Law. Pam is running for the 261st District Court because Travis County children deserve a compassionate champion to ensure their best outcomes and civil litigants expect a knowledgeable jurist.

First confirmed U.S. case of Omicron variant detected in California

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Dr. Anthony Fauci speaks during a briefing at the White House on Wednesday. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

(U.S.) - Less than a week after it was first detected in South Africa, U.S. health officials said Wednesday that the country's first case of the new Omicron coronavirus variant has been confirmed in California.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, announced the news at a White House press briefing.

"The California and San Francisco departments of public health and the CDC have confirmed that a recent case of COVID-19 among an individual in California was caused by Omicron variant," Fauci said.

The individual was a fully-vaccinated traveler who returned from South Africa on Nov. 22 and tested positive on Nov. 29, Fauci said. The

person, who has not been publicly identified, is self-quarantining and experiencing mild symptoms, which Fauci said "appear to be improving." Contact tracing has been conducted, Fauci added, and all of their close contacts have tested negative so far.

"We knew that it was just a matter of time," he said.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said that the state's "large-scale testing and early detection systems" uncovered the case, adding: "We should assume that it's in other states as well."

"There's no reason to panic," Newsom tweeted. "But we should remain vigilant. That means get vaccinated. Get boosted. Wear a mask indoors."

Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, director of the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Tuesday that the agency was "actively looking" for the variant but had not yet found a case.

The Omicron variant, tagged as B.1.1.529, was first reported to the World Health Organization by South Africa on Nov. 24. The WHO classified Omicron a "variant of concern" on Friday due to a high number of mutations that could help the virus evade the vaccines and spread more easily.

It has since been detected in more than a dozen countries, including Australia, Austria, Botswana, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United States.

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