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DeDe Davenport is a management-side employment attorney based in Houston, Texas. She currently serves as Senior Legal Officer at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, focusing on workforce-related pre-litigation advice and counseling, development and implementation strategy of institution-wide policy and objectives, and partnering with executive teams to provide legal guidance for balancing best practices and regulatory compliance with business objectives. Prior to that, DeDe practiced at *Wood* as Senior Legal Counsel and as an attorney with *Little*, at both places focusing on employment matters and employment litigation.

In addition to her legal practice, DeDe has served her community on the City of Houston's Municipal and Firefighters' Civil Service Commission, including as Vice Chairperson, an appointment by Mayor Sylvester Turner.

DeDe holds a Juris Doctor and has published on Title IX compliance and employer liability issues. Before pursuing law, she spent many years as a teacher and coach, experiences that continue to inform her work today.