

CODY FOWLER DAVIS DRIVEN TO OPEN NEW FIRM

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Lawyer and author **Cody Fowler Davis** has struck out on his own — again.

He left Davis & Harmon PA, which he formed in 2001, and opened another Tampa law firm this week appropriately named Cody Fowler Davis Trial Attorneys PA. His previous firm is now Harmon Woods Parker Hendricks & Abrunzo.

By all accounts a driven lawyer very much at home in a courtroom, Davis was polite about reasons for the change.

“I just decided it was time for me to leave,” he said. “I was president of the firm and set it up, but some philosophical differences arose. They’re good lawyers, and they’ll do fine.”

The back-story, Davis said, is that he “found a guy a lot like myself” with whom he wanted to practice law. He described Jonathan Brozyna as another driven civil trial and commercial litigation practitioner who successfully tried a lot of cases at a young age — like Davis.

And, like Davis, Brozyna is a tennis player.

“A tennis player bets on himself a lot,” Davis said.

Prior to forming Davis & Harmon, Davis was a partner at Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen in Tampa. He is certified by the Florida Bar in civil trial law and business litigation. Davis also is a certified mediator in state and federal courts.

Along the way, he winds down by writing and has authored two legal thrillers with Tampa ties, “Implied Consent” and “Green 61”. He has outlined a third book to which publishers want the rights, but Davis is a little too busy right now.

His credentials and profession come naturally almost by osmosis through his old Tampa family. Imagine the dinner table conversation when he was growing up at the Davis home. His late father was a judge, and his grandfather, Cody Fowler, was a founder of what is now Fowler White Boggs and an American Bar Association president.

Davis plans to grow his new firm some, possibly to four lawyers.

“I’m used to working hard and long hours and like a lawyer who shares the same desires and goals,” he said.