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Allison is a dynamic, people-oriented litigator focused on defending attorneys and respected law firms in legal malpractice claims and grievances.

Her practice is centered on the attorneys and businesses she represents; understanding each client's need is her priority, and positioning their objectives at the forefront of any litigation strategy is her goal. She also consults with firms and individual attorneys, working to avoid litigation on pre-suit claims or to strengthen their practice by advising on minimizing risk. In addition to professional liability defense, Allison maintains a general commercial litigation practice, representing entities and individuals in a variety of civil litigation matters across numerous industries. When her cases go up on appeal, she remains active throughout the appellate process, drawing on her experience as a law clerk and appellate advocate.

Allison's practice is enriched by the opportunity to learn about different viewpoints, industries, and approaches from the attorneys and clients she counsels and represents. Whether working with corporations or individual attorneys, Allison approaches each matter with a keen listening ear, always acting in the best interest of her client, whether in a high-stakes trial or through a quick business solution.

After graduating from The University of Texas at Austin with honors and The University of Texas School of Law, Allison served as Briefing Attorney to Chief Justice Adele Hedges at the Fourteenth Court of Appeals. Immediately prior to joining Beck Redden, Allison served as a founding partner at a Houston law firm.

A native Houstonian and true Astros fan, Allison is a member of the Association of Women Attorneys, where she serves on the Judicial Endorsement Committee; a Mentor in the HBA Mentor Program; and a Fellow of both the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation. Outside the legal realm, Allison serves on the Board of the Episcopal Foundation of Texas; on the Advisory Boards of Houston Achievement Place and Breakthrough Houston; and as a member of the choir and the altar guild at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- *In re Jackson*, 574 Fed. Appx. 317 (5th Cir. 2014) (argued)*
- *McPeters v. Edwards*, 464 Fed. Appx. 351 (5th Cir. 2012), writ denied 184 L. Ed. 2d 151 (argued)*
- *Cary v. Alford*, 203 S.W.3d 837 (Tex. 2006)*
- *Gregory v. Porter & Hedges, LLP*, 398 S.W.3d 881 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2013, pet. denied) (argued)*
- *Taylor v. Cersonsky*, 356 S.W.3d 92 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2012, no pet.) (argued)*
- *Franks v. Roades*, 310 S.W.3d 615 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2010, no pet.) (argued)*
- *Labidi v. Sydow, et al.*, 287 S.W.3d 922 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2009, no pet.) (argued)*
- *Clark v. Bres*, 217 S.W.3d 501 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2006, pet.

PRACTICES

Appellate
Commercial Litigation
Energy Litigation
Professional Liability
Defense

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas
United States Supreme
Court
United States Court of
Appeals for the Fifth
Circuit
United States District
Courts for the Eastern,
Southern and Western
Districts of Texas

CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Chief Justice
Adele Hedges, Fourteenth
Court of Appeals
(2004–2005)
Honorable Chief Justice
Scott Brister, Fourteenth
Court of Appeals (2003)

EDUCATION

The University of Texas
School of Law, J.D., 2004
B.A., The University of
Texas at Austin, *with
honors*, Plan II Honors
and English Honors, 1998
• Universidad de las
Americas, Puebla,
Mexico, UT Study
Abroad Program 1996

denied)*

**Includes matters handled prior to joining Beck Redden LLP.*

HONORS & AWARDS

- Named in *Best Lawyers in America* – Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants and Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants, 2024
- Recognized as a “Rising Star,” by *Texas Monthly*, 2009-2010, 2013-2015
- Named in Thomson Reuters *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2016-2023

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, State Bar of Texas Tax Section Ethics CLE Program, September 2023
- Panel Moderator, “Current Trends in Legal Malpractice Litigation,” Beck Redden Cues for the Courtroom CLE Series, December 3, 2020
- Speaker, “The Ethics of Listening: How Becoming Better Listeners Makes Us Better Lawyers (and Clients),” Institute of Energy Law’s Second Energy Transactions Conference, October 2020
- Panel Moderator, “TCPA and 91a,” TexasBarCLE Advanced Civil Trial Course 2020
- Speaker, “TCPA and 91a Update,” TexasBarCLE Advanced Trial Strategies Conference, February 2020
- Speaker, “The Amended TCPA: Ethical Considerations for the New Act,” South Texas College of Law 2020 Ethics Symposium, February 2020
- Speaker and Author, “Avoiding Early Dismissal: Defending TCPA and 91a Motions to Dismiss,” TexasBarCLE Damages in Civil Litigation Conference, February 2020
- Author, “Ten Things to Know About Avoiding and Mitigating Malpractice Claims and Grievances”, 18th Annual IEL Energy Litigation Conference, November 2019
- Speaker, “Attorneys’ Fees and Sanctions”, Texas Center for the Judiciary 2019 Civil Justice Conference, October 2019
- Speaker and Author, “Anti-SLAPP Overview”, TexasBar CLE Advanced Civil Trial Course, July, August, and October 2019
- Speaker, “Avoiding (or Using) Anti-SLAPP Motions to Dismiss”, UT CLE Corporate Counsel Institute, May 2019
- Speaker, “The Anti-SLAPP Statute: An Overview of Texas’s Most Troublesome Law”, Harris County New Civil Judges’ Orientation, January 2019
- Author, “[Assessing the Status of the Attorney-Client Privilege in the Age of Twitter](#)”, *The Computer & Internet Lawyer*, Vol. 35, No. 12 (December 2018)
- Author, “Assessing the Status of the Attorney-Client Privilege in the Age of Twitter”, *Houston Lawyer Magazine*, July/August 2018
- Speaker, “The Anti-SLAPP Statute: Soup to Nuts to Ethics” with Judge Randy Wilson, TACTAS Monthly Meeting, October 2018
- Speaker, “The Texas Citizens Protection Act: It’s Big. It’s Broad. Where Does It End?” with April Farris and Raffi Melkonian, HBA Appellate Practice Section Meeting, October 2018
- Speaker, “Bless This Mess: Recent Developments in Anti-SLAPP Law”, Harris County Civil Judges’ CLE Meeting, August 2018
- Speaker, “Thinking About the Unthinkable: How to Prevent (or Address)

Malpractice Claims and Grievances”, Association of Women Attorneys Monthly Meeting, November 2017

- Speaker, “Handling Privilege Issues”, Texas Bar CLE Advanced Evidence and Discovery Conference, April & May 2017
- Speaker, “Zealous Is As Zealous Does: Representing Your Client, Protecting Yourself”, Texas Trial Lawyers Association Mid-Year CLE Seminar, May 2016
- Panelist, “Avoiding Malpractice Claims, Grievances, and Sanctions”, HBA Civil Bench Bar Conference, April 2017
- Panelist, Texas Bar CLE Business Disputes Conference, September 2016
- “Not Just for Trial Lawyers; Lessons from the Courtroom You Can Use in the Conference Room,” Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter Half-Day Seminar, December 2022 (Panelist)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Association of Women Attorneys
- Member, 2018 AWA Judicial Endorsement Committee – General Election
- Member, Texas Bar Foundation Membership Committee
- 2019 Mentor, HBA Mentorship Program
- Member and former Council Member, Houston Bar Association Appellate Practice Section

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member, Houston Achievement Place
- Choir & Altar Guild Member, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

