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Alyssa knows what it takes to win over juries and judges alike, and she uses such knowledge for the success of her clients.

For over 10 years, Alyssa has honed her experience into a force for her clients across a broad spectrum of legal matters. From the moment a client steps in the door, she homes in on her client's needs, tailoring her approach to advocate for her client's cause with persistent determination and compelling advocacy. Her proven track-record, attention to detail, and work ethic makes her a valuable member of any trial team.

As a formal federal judicial clerk with unique insight into winning strategies, Alyssa focuses her day-to-day practice on critical legal research and motion writing in matters ranging from general commercial litigation to product liability to legal malpractice defense. She has spent significant time researching and developing effective trial- and appellate-level arguments on a variety of issues, including municipal liability under Section 1983, personal jurisdiction over out-of-state defendants, interpretation of oil and gas leases, and breach-of-contract damages.

Alyssa is also passionate about using her experiences both in and outside of the courtroom to mentor young lawyers, whether as a mock trial judge or through the Firm's Women's Initiative. A proud working mom herself, she champions the success of working mothers in the legal industry. When asked about why she chose Beck Redden, she answered "*Beck Redden's one-of-a-kind commitment to work-life balance has empowered me to excel professionally as a litigator while also prioritizing my family.*"

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Represented surgical product manufacturer in multidistrict litigation over product liability.** Prepared deposition outlines, drafted motions for summary judgment, to strike expert testimony, and for judgment as a matter of law, and drafted jury instructions.
- **Represented financial investment company in fraudulent investment lawsuit** in Texas federal court. Managed discovery, drafted motions to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction and to compel arbitration, and prepared case for trial. Case settled prior to trial.
- **Represented global law firm in multi-million dollar fraud and conspiracy lawsuit** in Pennsylvania state court. Drafted extensive procedural and substantive preliminary objections, after which all claims against the client were promptly dismissed.
- **Represented design company in insurance coverage lawsuit** in Texas federal court. Drafted pleadings, discovery related motions, and motion for summary judgment. Case settled in client's favor.
- **Represented auto product manufacturer in product liability lawsuit** in Texas state court. Drafted discovery related motions, including motion to strike expert testimony, and prepared opening statement. Case settled prior to trial.
- **Represented international petroleum company in breach-of-contract lawsuit** in West Virginia federal court. Managed discovery, prepared deposition outlines, and drafted motions to dismiss and for summary judgment.

PRACTICES

Appellate
Class Action & Multi-District Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Energy Litigation
Insurance Coverage Litigation
Products Liability Litigation

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas
State Bar of California
United States District Court for the Central District of California
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Ronald S.W. Lew, U.S. District Court of the Central District of California (2012-2013)
Honorable Edith H. Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (2013-2014)

EDUCATION

J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, *cum laude*, 2012
B.A., Pepperdine University Seaver College, *magna cum laude*, Speech Communication, 2007

- **Represented multifamily management company in multiple landlord-tenant disputes** in Texas state courts. As sole attorney, drafted pleadings, defended cases at trial, and repeatedly negotiated favorable settlements or secured court judgments in favor of client.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- *"E-Discovery under the FRCP: How the Rules Impact Your Preservation and Production of ESI"* – Alyssa McDaniel and Joshua Lee, Houston Bar Association Continuing Legal Education presentation, January 2016
- *Law360: So You Think You Want to Arbitrate? Think Again, Maybe* – Matthew P. Whitley and Alyssa B. McDaniel, June 2015