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Allissa Pollard represents domestic and foreign companies in a broad range of complex commercial disputes including contracts, business tort and trade secrets disputes and conducts internal investigations.

Allissa represents clients in numerous sectors including energy, life sciences, banking and private equity.

She regularly conducts internal investigations for companies responding to allegations of compliance and regulatory violations as well as allegations of employee misconduct. She advises companies on the implementation and enhancement of anti-corruption policies and programs.

Allissa serves as the co-editor of DLA Piper's LatAm Law blog.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Spanish

EXPERIENCE

RECENT EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION

- Defending an exploration and production company against theft of trade secrets allegations in an ongoing lawsuit
- Defending two software companies against theft of trade secrets allegations in ongoing lawsuits
- Obtained a preliminary injunction, and ultimately a successful settlement, for a software company against a former employee who left to work for a competitor in violation of the employee's covenant not to compete and confidentiality agreement
- Defended a technology startup against theft of trade secrets allegations
- Represented an international EPC contractor in ICDR arbitration relating to the construction of a US chemical plant. Obtained

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Investigations
- International Arbitration
- eDiscovery and Information Management
- Construction and Engineering

RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Life Sciences
- Financial Services

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a substantial award for the contractor, together with interest, fees and costs

- Defended a New York Stock Exchange listed packaged ice manufacturer in securities and shareholder derivative litigation, obtaining dismissal of the derivative action
- Represented a global accounting firm in putative class action securities litigation and other litigation in connection with alleged Ponzi scheme
- Obtained a preliminary injunction, and ultimately a successful settlement, for a software company against a former employee who left to work for a competitor in violation of the employee's covenant not to compete and confidentiality agreement

INVESTIGATIONS

- Representing foreign banks in ongoing sanctions-related joint investigations by OFAC, DOJ and the District Attorney of New York
- Conducted an internal investigation of an electronic component distributor's subsidiaries in Mexico, Argentina and Ecuador
- Conducted FCPA-related internal investigations of a pharmaceutical company's subsidiaries in various countries including Spain, China and India
- Represented a US company in a price-fixing investigation by the US Department of Justice, Antitrust Division

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Texas

Education

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law 2008
Member, Cowan Fellows Human Rights Study Project
President, Latin American Law Organization
- B.A., Economics, International Studies, Trinity University 2005
cum laude

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Association of Women Attorneys, Board Member (2012-2017)

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Co-author, "A roundup of recent global antitrust enforcement conferences," *Westlaw Journal* (June 2014)

PRO BONO

Allissa devotes a significant amount of time to pro bono work, focusing on immigration, children and civil rights. Her work has included teaching, advocating for policy change and direct representation. Allissa received the DLA Piper National Pro Bono Award in 2012 and in 2019.

Allissa has taken a lead role in DLA Piper's work to improve the treatment of the tens of thousands of unaccompanied minors who are apprehended each year as they try to cross the southwest border. In collaboration with Appleseed and Appleseed Mexico, Allissa helped draft the 2011 report, "Children at the Border: The Screening, Protection and Repatriation of Unaccompanied Mexican Minors." Since then, Allissa has worked on numerous projects for unaccompanied minors.

Allissa also represents clients in immigration proceedings. She has obtained Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for undocumented children who have been neglected, abused or abandoned and has obtained Legal Permanent Residence for domestic violence survivors.

Allissa has represented inmates in civil rights lawsuits against Texas prison officials.

Allissa has also developed curriculum and taught at a legal clinic at Houston's Covenant House, a shelter for homeless youth.