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Allissa Pollard counsels domestic and foreign clients on a broad range of commercial disputes and compliance issues. Allissa represents clients in numerous sectors including energy and natural resources, chemicals, life sciences, software, and private equity.

Allissa has extensive experience handling complex business disputes involving trade secrets as well as disputes arising out of mergers and acquisitions and commercial contracts.

Allissa conducts complex corporate investigations, with a focus on FCPA and criminal antitrust defense. She has conducted investigations in numerous countries, including Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Mexico and Spain. She also advises companies on the implementation and enhancement of anti-corruption and antitrust policies and programs.

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

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Spanish

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

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Life Sciences
- Financial Services

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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
- Trial counsel for pro bono client in one of the early completely "virtual" trials held in Harris County, Texas state court during 2020

COVID-19 pandemic court closures, and secured Final Judgment in favor of client

- 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 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

INVESTIGATIONS

- Representing foreign banks in ongoing sanctions-related joint investigations by OFAC, DOJ and the District Attorney of New York
- Represented a US agricultural company in a no-poach investigation by the US Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
- 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

Recognitions

- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended, Cartel (2022)
- *The Legal 500 Latin America*
 - Recommended, Latin America: International Firms International Arbitration (2022)

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

Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector

27 October 2020
ESG Handbooks and Guides

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

- 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.