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Profile

Allison represents a wide variety of clients, from small business owners and individuals to publicly traded corporations and professionals, across a range of industries, including hospitality, higher education, retail and technology.

Allison closely monitors the development of new and upcoming compliance obligations to counsel clients on the rapidly evolving cybersecurity and data privacy legal landscape, including the passage of new international, federal and state privacy and cybersecurity laws and standards. Her practice involves data breach and incident response, data privacy and cybersecurity compliance, mitigating risks associated with the collection of personal data as well as general transactional work. Allison also assists with preparing incident response strategies, information governance plans and privacy policies for clients in a range of industries.

Additionally, Allison monitors the development of new and upcoming licensing and regulatory compliance obligations for clients in the cannabis industry. In her practice she counsels clients on the complex web of regulations affecting businesses and individuals at every level of the cannabis supply chain: from cultivators, processors and distributors to retail dispensaries, delivery services and employers. Specifically, she assists with business formation, compliance with federal and state regulations and modifying drug-related policies (for employers, higher education institutions, etc.) impacted by new regulations.

Before joining Bond, Allison served as a Financial Markets and Funds legal extern for a large New York City law firm, a Student-Attorney and Team Leader in the University at Buffalo School of Law Entrepreneurship Law Center Clinic, and an Executive Editor for the *Buffalo Law Review* as well as the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*. She was also a Pro Bono Scholar and a Legal Writing & Research Fellow for the Director of Legal Analysis, Writing & Research and Director of Student Affairs at UB Law School.

Honors & Affiliations

- Co-Chair, New Lawyers Committee for the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter
- Erie County Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2022)
- State University of New York at Buffalo (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2018)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- Higher Education
- Hospitality and Tourism

- *Buffalo Law Review*, Publications Editor; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force Member
- *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*, Submissions Editor