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Allison Mullins is a seasoned trial lawyer who invests deeply in her cases and the outcomes for her clients. With a sophisticated and diverse litigation practice, Allison demonstrates that effective advocacy begins not only with intricate understanding of the issues, but with meaningful knowledge of those she represents. Allison not only cares about the case, she truly cares for the client.

Seeking to experience the process through the client's eyes, Allison's goal is to add value to every effort. She seeks to make a positive difference in legal matters but also in her clients' lives.

Allison has helped clients in a variety of legal contexts. From representing John Edwards in his criminal campaign finance trial to working with Fortune 100 companies to helping a young woman in a persistent vegetative state. In 2013, Allison represented the plaintiffs in the first bellwether case in a medical device multi-district litigation (MDL), trying the case to a two million dollar verdict. Allison's litigation experience is rich and vibrant with experience in North Carolina state courts, the North Carolina Business Court and the federal courts. She enjoys having a positive impact in matters that are important to her clients—whether large business or individual. And since every case is important to each client, she reaches for that positive impact in every matter on every day.

Beyond her legal work, Allison invests in our profession and world, seeking to understand and respond to challenges in each. In the legal profession, Allison is concerned about the impact of so many law students unable to find legal jobs. She designed Turning Point Litigation's student program in an effort to provide advanced hands-on practical skills training to students. Allison is active in the North Carolina Bar Association, having chaired the Litigation Section Council and currently chairs the Appellate Practices Section and serves on the Appellate Rules Committee. Allison also designed Turning Point Litigation's reading and service programs, seeking to make a positive difference in the world beyond our firm's walls.

 Education, Academic Honors & Admissions

Education


J.D., cum laude, Wake Forest University School of Law, 1996
B.A., cum laude, Wake Forest University, 1993

Academic Honors

Hankins Scholar (undergraduate)
Law Alumni Scholar
Order of the Coif
Articles Editor, Wake Forest Law Review
Wake Forest Moot Court Board

Admissions

North Carolina, 1996 United States Supreme Court, 2006
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1998
United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1997
United States District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 1996
United States District Court, Western District of North Carolina, 1998
United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, 1998
United States District Court, Southern District of West Virginia, 2013

 Professional Memberships & Leadership

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, 2007-2013
Federal Bar Association, Middle District of North Carolina Chapter
Middle District of North Carolina, Local Rules Committee
Appellate Rules Committee, North Carolina Bar Association
Joseph Branch Inn of Court, 2008-present
Guilford Inn of Court, 2000-2006
American Bar Association Council of Appellate Lawyers
DRI Appellate Advocacy Committee
NCBA Appellate Practice Section Council Chairperson, 2013-present

"You were made to make more than a living. You were made to make a difference."
– Ann Voskamp

 Achievements

Best Lawyers in America® (Woodward/White, Inc.), 2014-15 Greensboro Appellate Practice
“Lawyer of the Year.”

Best Lawyers in America® (Woodward/White, Inc.), Appellate Law, Commercial Litigation, First Amendment Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, Product Liability Litigation (2009-2014), Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs (2012, 2014), Intellectual Property Litigation (2014), Patent Litigation (2014)

Martindale-Hubbell’s top (“AV”) Peer Review Rating *

North Carolina Super Lawyers, Listed Civil Litigation Defense (2006-2009), General Litigation (2010-2013), and as one of the “Top 50 Women” attorneys in North Carolina (2007, 2008, 2010-2013)

Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference (permanent member)

Andrew C. Hecker Award (2008), given by the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel for the year’s most outstanding FDCC Quarterly article

Triad Business Journal’s 40 Leaders Under Forty (2005), awarded to the Triad’s outstanding young business and community leaders

Chairperson of Litigation Section Council, (2009-2010) North Carolina Bar Association

Past Vice Chairperson of Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section Council, North Carolina Bar Association

Past Chairperson of Appellate Law Section, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

Chairperson (2002-2004) and past chairperson and Steering Committee member (2004-2007), SynerG (a group dedicated to inspiring Greensboro’s future by connecting the next generation of leaders and encouraging creation of a city environment attractive to young talent)

Past Chairperson of North Carolina State Bar’s Liaison Committee to the Administrative Offices of the Courts

Chairperson, Amicus Committee, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (2011-2013)

Wake Forest University Board of Trustees (1991-1992)

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 Judicial Clerkship

Law Clerk to the Honorable N. Carlton Tilley, Jr, United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina (1996-1997)

Law Clerk to the Honorable Susan H. Black, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (1997-1998)

 Publications

Legal Malpractice and the Civil Defense Lawyer, Vol. 59, No. 4, FDCC Quarterly 325 (2009)

The Trap of Motions in Limine (or Why You Should Not Believe Everything You Read, Even in the Rules of Evidence), The Litigator, the official publication of the Litigation Section, Vol. 29, No. 1 (September 2008)

Navigating in the Brave New World of E-Discovery: Ethics, Sanctions and Spoliation, Vol. 57, No. 4, FDCC Quarterly 327 (Summer 2007)

Superseding and Staying Judgments in North Carolina (published in Superseding and Staying Judgments: A National Compendium (Roger D. Townsend, ed. 2007))

Damages in Defamation Per Se Actions: Presumptions Are Not What They Used To Be, The Constitutionalist, the official Publication of the Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities Section, Volume II Number 4 (April 2006)

Co-author, Fourth Circuit section of "MLRC 50-State Survey: Media Privacy and Related Law" (2003 - 2009)

Cobb v. Sports Illustrated: Actual Malice Requires More Than Negligence (March 13, 2002)

"Sour Grape Lawsuits: Defamation in Political Advertisements" (January 1, 2001)

Co-author, Insurance Regulation of Providers That Bear Risk, American Journal of Law & Medicine, Vol. 22

 Recent Presentations & Speaking Engagements

A Day in the Courtroom: Observation of a Trade Secrets Mock Trial, North Carolina Bar Association CLE, June 2014

Ethics on Trial: The John Edwards Case, Greensboro Bar Association CLE, February 2014

Defending John Edwards: Professional Ethics in the Public Eye, West Virginia Association for Justice, January 2014

The Anatomy of an Appeal, North Carolina Bar Association CLE, October 2013

NCBA 2013 Annual Review; Civil Law Update, North Carolina Bar Association CLE, October 2013

Clients with Unique Challenges, Annual Meeting of North Carolina Bar Association, Litigation Section's CLE, June 2013

The John Edwards Trial: A View from the Inside, North Carolina Bar Association CLE, May 2013

Ethics In Pre-Trial Procedure, North Carolina Bar Association CLE, February 2013

The Brave New World of E-Discovery, Litigating Complex Commercial Disputes in North Carolina CLE, February 2013

Preserving Issues for Appeal, North Carolina Advocates for Justice CLE, January 2013

The John Edwards Trial and More, Charlotte Bar Association CLE, January 2013

Issues in Medical Malpractice, Wake Forest University, presentation to law and medical students, January 2013

Inside the John Edwards Trial, Greensboro Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys CLE, November 2012

The Importance of Advocacy, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, presentation to nursing students, 2012

Key Elements of Effective Appellate Briefwriting, Appellate Practice for Young Lawyers CLE, November 2011

Effectively Managing Electronic Discovery, FDCC Litigation Management College, 2010, 2011

Ethical Considerations of Alternative Fee Arrangements, FDCC CLE, 2011

Preserving Issues for Appeal, Appellate Practice CLE, 2010

Communicate, Advocate, Persuade - The Definition of Appeals CLE, 2009 (course planner)

Cross Examination of an Economic Expert, Trial Tips from the Trenches CLE, 2009

Ethics on Appeal, Advanced Litigation Strategies for Trial and Beyond: Avoiding Common Pitfalls and Coming Out on Top CLE, 2008

Ethical Issues and E-Discovery CLE, 2008

Legal Malpractice and the Civil Defense Lawyer, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel CLE, 2008

Navigating in the Brave New World of E-Discovery: Ethics, Sanctions and Spoliation, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel CLE, 2007

E-Litigation: Surviving and Thriving in Today's Electronic Environment, CLE Course Planner, April 2007

North Carolina and Foreign Judgments, Enforcement of Judgments CLE, January 2007

Comparing Richmond to Raleigh, State and Federal Appellate Practice CLE, February 2005

Annual seminars on libel and related issues for media clients

The Fundamentals of Non-Competition Agreements, Women in Law for Women in Business Seminar