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Allison Geewax maintains a diverse practice both as a litigator and as a client counselor, advising clients in all phases of government contracting and construction. In addition to her experience litigating construction matters in the District of Columbia and Maryland, she has experience in government contracts litigation before the Boards of Contract Appeals and the United States Court of Federal Claims, as well as bid protest experience at GAO. Allison also advises small business clients on issues such as SBA 8(a) certification, joint venture agreements, and SBA Mentor-Protégé agreements, and has organized and presented at informational and networking seminars on these topics. She works extensively on drafting and negotiating AIA and DBIA agreements to suit specific client and project needs.

Allison is an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School. She is an active member of the National Contract Management Association and was a recipient of the Association's Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Government Contracts. Allison is also a member of the Federal Circuit Bar Association and the Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association.

Allison received her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School, graduating in the top 12% of her class. While in law school, she was a member of the Moot Court Board and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board. Allison was also an Articles Editor for the Public Contract Law Journal, where her work has been published. Additionally, she was both a participant in and co-chair of the Gilbert A. Cuneo Government Contracts Moot Court Competition, in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Allison was named to Super Lawyer's 2020 Rising Stars list for Washington, DC.

Practice Areas

Construction Litigation
Contract Negotiation
Government Contracts

Education

J.D., the George Washington University Law School
B.A., Economics, The Pennsylvania State University
B.A., International Studies, The Pennsylvania State University
B.A., Spanish, The Pennsylvania State University

Bar Admissions

Maryland
District of Columbia

Court Admissions

Court of Appeals, Maryland
District Court of Maryland
D.C. Court of Appeals
District Court of D.C.
U.S. Court of Federal Claims
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Memberships

American Bar Association (Member, Section of Public Contract Law)
Maryland State Bar Association (Member, Construction Law Section; Administrative Law Section)
National Contract Management Association (Vice President of Special Programs, DC Chapter)
Federal Circuit Bar Association
Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association



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Among the matters she's handled, Allison has:

- Represented a condominium developer in its default termination of a general contractor, resulting in judgment in the developer's favor and the successful defense of nearly \$1 million in counterclaims.
- Advised on legal issues and assisted in negotiating multi-million-dollar construction contracts in both the public and private sector.
- Represented small and disadvantage businesses in state and federal certification processes.
- Assisted in the successful representation of both large and small construction companies in asserting delay claims against the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Drafted requests for equitable adjustment and certified claims totaling over three million euros on behalf of a Spanish contractor doing business with the U.S. Navy in Rota, Spain.
- Represented an education provider in challenging the termination of its grant in federal district court.

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Allison is an active member of the National Contract Management Association and serves on the Executive Committee of the D.C. Chapter – NCMA's largest chapter. She has been the Vice President of Special Programs for the D.C. Chapter since 2017. In this role, Allison is responsible for organizing informational and educational seminars, webinars, and networking events for the chapter membership.

Honors and Awards

- Rising Star, Construction Litigation, Washington, DC Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, April 2020
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Government Contracts, National Contract Management Association, May 2014
- Excellence in Oral Advocacy, McKenna Long & Aldridge Government Contracts Moot Court Competition, May 2013
- George Washington Scholar, The George Washington University Law School, Top 1-15% of class, Fall 2012, Spring 2013
- Thurgood Marshall Scholar, The George Washington University Law School, Top 16-35% of class, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2013

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Co-author, "This Too Shall Pass Through," 4th Annual Federal Government Contracting Seminar 2019, Virginia CLE (September 2019).
- Speaker, Government Contracts Trial Practice Tune-up, 4th Annual Federal Government Contracting Seminar 2019, Virginia CLE (September 2019).
- Contributor, Equitable Adjustments and Claims, Chapter 15, Federal Government Construction Contracts, *ABA Forum on Construction, Third Eds.* (October 2017).
- Co-Author, The American Institute of Architects Releases 2017 Updates (August 2, 2017).



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- Contributor and Editor, 50 State Construction Lien and Bond Law, Third Edition (December 2016).
- Co-Author, Six-Year Statute of Limitations and Cost Reasonableness: The 2014 McKenna Long & Aldridge “Gilbert A. Cuneo” Government Contracts Moot Court Competition, The Public Contract Law Journal.