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OVERVIEW

Allison helps clients protect their innovations and technologies through patents.

Allison was an undergraduate engineering student when she first discovered patent law through a school seminar: here was a field where she could combine her interests in engineering and business and apply her engineering knowledge to the law. Fascinated by the thought of working with inventors and new technology, she immediately knew she would be enrolling in law school.

Allison began her career in patent drafting and patent prosecution for leading Fortune 50 companies, focusing on engine technologies, power generation systems and components, and aeronautical systems. She then took a position with a patent law firm where she worked primarily with small businesses and entrepreneurs, assisting with portfolio management, licensing, nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements, and patent and trade dress litigation in addition to patent prosecution. She also worked extensively with foreign patent prosecution. Allison found the deeply personal nature of her work truly rewarding: clients were often inventors, and she received an up close view of how essential patents were to clients' business success.

At Husch Blackwell, Allison helps multinational clients manage large intellectual property portfolios worldwide. She most frequently supports clients with patent needs in the realm of mechanical engineering, and she regularly assists with patent drafting, prosecution and strategy. Her prior background in patent and trade dress litigation means that she sees the full picture of

Industries

Manufacturing

Technology

Transportation

Services

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property Counseling

Patent Preparation & Prosecution

Technology Commercialization

patent lifecycles and constructs IP strategies designed to prevent future challenges.

Known for her passion for clients' technologies, Allison has a reputation for producing excellent results in an efficient, timely fashion.

Experience

- Handled extensive foreign patent prosecution.
- Drafted U.S. and PCT patent applications for inventors, small businesses and Fortune 200 companies in mechanical, electrical, electro-mechanical and biomedical fields.
- Prosecuted U.S. patent applications, including amendments, appeals and petitions.
- Collaborated with inventors to ascertain invention disclosures; conducted examiner interviews.
- Prepared licensing, consulting services, and nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements.
- Crafted and implemented litigation strategies for plaintiffs and defendants from pre-suit investigation through resolution, including settlement negotiations, discovery, depositions, dispositive motion practice, claim construction and hearings.
- Drafted multiple patent applications for Fortune 50 companies for power generation systems and components, aeronautical systems, business methods, transportation, medical devices, and paper containers.

Education

- J.D., Michigan State University College of Law
 - *Michigan State Journal of Gender Law*
- B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - *General Engineering (Systems Engineering and Design)*

Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Community Leadership

Allison is a supporter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and developed the annual AJW Golf Classic to benefit the organization. She also enjoys planning fundraisers for her children's school, as well as volunteering through her church.