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Areas of Focus

Communications, Internet,
and Technology

Hedge, Investment, and
Private Equity Funds

Native American Law



Overview

Allison advises communications, internet, and technology industry clients as they navigate complex legal, regulatory, and policy issues. She regularly counsels clients in obtaining state and federal regulatory approvals for communications industry transactions, providing guidance on both strategy and procedure. Allison has experience with wireless, wireline, and satellite matters, as well as universal service support programs, including compliance, audits, and appeals.

A descendant of the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Allison has advocated for tribes before state and federal agencies on issues including regulatory compliance, broadband grants, and land-into-trust. She has also represented tribes before state and federal trial and appellate courts, and before the US Supreme Court, on issues including sovereign immunity, federal preemption, and reservation status. Allison’s Native American Law cases include work on *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*.

Affiliated with the Washington, DC office but working remotely.

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Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2020
- Washington, 2018

Education

- Yale Law School, JD, 2017
- Yale College, BA, distinction in History and International Studies, 2011

Clerkships

- Hon. Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Washington Supreme Court, 2017-2018
- Hon. Susan Graber, US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2018-2019

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2025; High Honor Roll, 2022, 2024

Community

- Washington State Supreme Court Gender & Justice Commission, Commissioner, 2023 – present

Service to the Bar

- Federal Communications Bar Association, Co-Chair, Pacific Northwest Chapter