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Allison Collins is a shareholder in the General Litigation practice group with extensive experience in appellate advocacy and trial matters. She represents clients in all phases of litigation in state and federal courts in the following areas:

- **Appeals:** Allison has represented state agencies, state officials, municipalities, schools, companies, and individuals at all levels of state and federal appellate courts in Michigan and Texas, including the United States Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- **Employment Litigation:** Handles employment discrimination cases brought under Title VII, TCHRA, ELCRA, ADEA, ADA, Rehab Act, and Whistleblower Protection Act.
- **Environmental Litigation:** Water, soil, and natural resources permitting, regulatory compliance, contract negotiation, due diligence, investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites, and administrative proceedings.
- **Constitutional Claims** – Has litigated federal and state constitutional claims against state agencies, municipalities, public officials, and public universities, including First Amendment, Due Process, and Equal Protection claims.
- **General Litigation:** Represents municipalities, companies and individuals in agricultural law, insurance defense, premises liability, and commercial litigation.
- **Administrative Matters:** Appeals determinations by USDA, FSA, and National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS). In addition, represents clients in bid protests to United States Government Accountability Office (USGAO).

Allison grew up in an agricultural community in California, and her dedication to agriculture has continued in Michigan. She previously led Foster Swift's Agri-Business Group and served as co-editor of the

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Practice
Discrimination - Unlawful Harassment
Environmental Law
Employment Litigation
Agri-Business
General & Commercial Litigation
Insurance Defense
Mass Tort
Municipal Litigation
Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D., 2014
University of Pennsylvania, B.A. History and Criminology, 2011

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan
Texas
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals



Michigan Environmental Law Journal for the State Bar of Michigan. Because of her knowledge of both environmental and agricultural law, Allison also served on the councils for the State Bar of Michigan's Environmental Law and Agricultural Law sections.

Allison started with the firm in 2013 as a summer associate and stayed until 2021. She returned to the firm in 2025 after spending four years with the Texas Office of the Attorney General, where she quickly rose through the ranks to become Deputy Chief of the General Litigation Division. In that role, Allison oversaw 35 attorneys while also personally handling some of the most complex constitutional and employment litigation claims brought against Texas and its agencies, officials, and universities. Allison additionally managed a robust appellate docket, regularly filing briefs with the Texas Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Texas intermediate courts.

Allison received the E.W. Kitner Scholarship to attend Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington, where she obtained her J.D. and was awarded deans honors.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Environmental Issues in Government Construction, *Construction Law for Public Projects Seminar: HalfMoon Education Inc.*, November 13, 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Michigan Agricultural Law Updates, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, May 13, 2021

Dead Pigs Win in the Michigan Court of Appeals, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, May 11, 2021

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Legal Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
 - Environmental Law Section – (2019-2021)
 - Michigan Environmental Law Journal Co-editor (2018-2021)
 - Council Member
 - Agricultural Law Section (2019-2021)
 - Council Member

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

"Top 5 Under 35" Award, Ingham County Bar Association, 2019

Michigan *Super Lawyers* "Rising Star," Insurance Coverage, 2017-2021

Michigan *Super Lawyers*, Insurance Coverage, 2017

Best Lawyers in America® "One to Watch" (Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation – Environmental), 2020-2021



- State Bar of Texas
- Ingham County Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Section
- Michigan State University Inns of Court