

Alison Lima Andersen

PARTNER

Alison's work is primarily in the areas of ERISA and other employee benefits litigation, health care litigation, and complex commercial litigation.



Industries

Health Care

Practices

Complex Litigation
ERISA
Labor & Employment
Pro Bono

Education

George Mason University School of Law JD, summa cum laude, 2009
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Alison's recent litigation work includes representing medical providers seeking reimbursement from commercial health plans and insurers; defending companies and retirement plans against breach of fiduciary duty and benefits claims; and defending several defendants accused of violating the Medicare Secondary Payer Act. She also has recent experience in municipal and corporate bankruptcy; as well as in class action cases involving claims of government lending and disability discrimination.

Alison has also recently worked to secure asylum for an individual; represent a class of nursing home residents in the District of Columbia; advise nonprofit corporations on their potential exposure to tort liability; and help a medical practice prevail in a dispute over the ownership of a meteorite.

Previous Work

Prior to joining Arent Fox, Alison was an attorney at a mid-sized labor law firm in Washington, DC. She began her legal career as a Legal Fellow for National Appleseed, a non-profit network of public interest justice centers located throughout North America, and she then became an intern at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Before attending law school, Alison was an instructor for Readak Educational Services in the US, Australia, and Japan.

Professional Activities

Alison is a member of the DC Bar Foundation's Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council and a member of the Fairfax Bar Association.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Alison is recommended for ERISA Litigation by *The Legal 500 US* (2017-2019). She is also recognized as a Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* (2014-2020) and was named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2020.

In 2013, Alison received Professional Women in Advocacy's *Excellence in Advocacy Award in a Campaign for Women Serving Women*.

While in law school, Alison was a notes editor for the *George Mason Law Review*. She wrote an article titled, "Shedding First Amendment Rights at the Classroom Door?: The Effects of *Garcetti* and *Mayer* on Education in Public Schools," 16 *George Mason Law Review* 173 (2008). She also served as both the president and auction coordinator for the *Association for Public Interest Law*.

Life Beyond the Law

When not working, Alison enjoys both watching and playing sports, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends.

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Virginia

Court Admissions

US District Court, District of Columbia
US District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
US District Court, Western District of Virginia
US Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit