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Allison Etkin is an accomplished litigator with extensive experience handling a broad range of complex civil disputes. Her practice spans various areas, including construction, real estate, products liability, subrogation and recovery, contract and business disputes, professional liability, employment, and general commercial litigation. She is licensed in both California and Michigan, and has experience in other jurisdictions as well, having appeared *pro hac vice* to serve her clients' needs.

With respect to her construction experience, Allison represents developers, owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals in a wide variety of defect, delay, and payment disputes. Beyond litigation, Allison regularly drafts and counsels on construction-related documents and contracts, helping her clients navigate issues that arise pre-, during, and post-construction, such as payment disputes, delay claims, liens and labor-related matters.

Allison is adept at managing all phases of litigation, from the initial analysis of complex cases to the development of tailored strategies that align with her clients' goals. Allison takes a strategic approach to resolving commercial conflicts, by identifying and leveraging potential risk transfer opportunities, facilitating early resolutions, or pursuing dispositive motions when appropriate. When necessary, she is prepared to litigate aggressively through trial or arbitration to secure the best possible outcome.

In addition to construction expertise, Allison has significant experience in broader commercial litigation, having represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a range of business disputes. She regularly handles breach of contract matters, fraud claims, and business torts, with particular skill in managing multi-party litigation. Her attention to detail ensures her clients' interests are protected in even the most high-stakes disputes.

When litigation is unavoidable, Allison delivers focused and effective representation, taking cases through trial or arbitration. She also provides her clients with practical advice on best practices, risk

Areas of Experience

Litigation
 Commercial Disputes
 Construction
 Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
 Product Liability and Mass Torts
 Professional Liability

Education

J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, 2012,
International and Comparative Law Review, Note
 and Comment Editor
 B.A., Michigan State University, 2009

Admissions

Bars

California
 Michigan

Courts

U.S. District Court, Central District of California
 U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

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 California Super Lawyers
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management, and liability exposure, helping clients implement internal policies and procedures to minimize risk.

With a comprehensive approach to legal strategy and deep understanding of the law, Allison is a trusted advisor and advocate for her clients.

Published Work and Lectures

- *Law360*, Co-Author, “Addressing Labor Shortages In The Construction Industry,” June 24, 2024

Affiliations

- We The Action, Pro Bono Volunteer
- Legal Mentor Network, Mentor

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in California for Construction Law
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2025, Listed in California as a “Rising Star” for Construction Litigation
- *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2021, Recognized as a “Woman of Influence”