

Allison N. Siebeneck

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Known for maintaining grace under fire, Allison Siebeneck brings a common-sense approach to seemingly impossible challenges. Whether Allison is defending corporate clients in complex commercial class actions or seeking justice on behalf of wrongfully convicted individuals, clients rely on her versatile experience to get the job done.

Allison's perspective is born of her experience on both sides of the bench, as a skilled litigator and trusted law clerk. During her tenure as a federal district court clerk, Allison worked on more than a dozen trials and four Ninth Circuit sittings. Following her return to private practice, Allison devotes most of her time to class action defense, representing clients in state and federal courts across the country, as well as on appeal. She also represents a growing number of wrongfully convicted clients in both post-conviction criminal proceedings and Section 1983 civil lawsuits based on the violation of their constitutional rights.



EXPERIENCE

Clerkships

Hon. Jack Zouhary, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (2016-2018)

Representative Engagements

- Defending national insurance company against class actions in state and federal court challenging the insurer's alleged method for calculating property damage claim payments.
- Defending public utility client against personal and property injury actions alleging environmental exposures from operations and services.
- Representing wrongfully convicted clients in post-conviction proceedings and civil lawsuits related to the violation of their constitutional rights.

CREDENTIALS

Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2013, *cum laude*

Georgetown University, B.A., French & Government, 2010, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois



U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

Professional Memberships

American Bar Association
Chicago Bar Association

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions-Defendants), *Best Lawyers*® (2021-2022)
Illinois Emerging Lawyer in Civil Appellate Law, Class Action/Mass Tort Defense Law, and Commercial Litigation, *Law Bulletin Media Leading Lawyers* (2020-2021)
RSHC Pro Bono Award (2020)

Languages Spoken & Fluency

French, Proficient
Arabic, Basic

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“A New Era of Investigations: Stimulus Funding and Global Enforcement,” (co-panelist) FTI Consulting and RSHC Virtual CLE Panel Discussion Webinar (October 27, 2020)
“Toward a Child-Centered Approach to Parental Alienation,” (author) *Michigan Law Review* (Feb. 2014)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Allison feels an ethical obligation to use her professional skills for public service. She undertakes a wide variety of pro bono representations, ranging from prisoners in Section 1983 cases to minors in child welfare and private custody disputes. She also assists in enforcing a consent decree on behalf of a class of children in foster care in Illinois (co-counsel with the ACLU).

Beyond the legal arena, Allison is a proud mentor of first-generation college students with the Georgetown Scholars Program. She also serves on the Young Professionals Board of the Chicago Bar Foundation.