

Allison Holt Ryan

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Biography

Allison Holt Ryan counsels clients as they navigate the complex terrain that follows a cyber attack or data breach. Recognized as one of *Law360's* Rising Stars under 40 in privacy and cybersecurity, Allison advises clients on regulatory investigations and complex litigation, including the multijurisdictional suits that often arise following an attack.

Organizations that have suffered a cyber attack rely on Allison for guidance in coordinating incident response, responding to government inquiries and investigations, and strategically managing the numerous lawsuits filed after an attack. Allison advises clients on incident response issues related to forensic investigations and privilege. She guides companies through coordinated response and discovery obligations in both litigation and regulatory investigations.

Allison is passionate about pro bono; she previously served as the full-time senior associate for the firm's Pro Bono practice. She represented a class of homeless families seeking to improve homeless shelter conditions for their small children, ultimately securing full relief for her clients. Allison and her team received the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless "Law Firm of the Year" award for their efforts. She currently represents a wrongfully convicted man in Virginia, working to secure his freedom. In 2014, City Year DC named Allison one of its "Idealists of the Year."

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Allison clerked for the Honorable Gilbert Merritt of the U.S. Court of Appeals



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Practices

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Litigation Services

Commercial Litigation

Technology Litigation

Industries

Insurance

Areas of focus

Data Privacy and Cybersecurity
Litigation

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Breach Preparedness, Response,
Investigation, and Communications

E-discovery and Information

for the Sixth Circuit. Allison taught seventh-grade reading in a Title I school in Houston before law school.

Representative experience

Lead counsel in multidistrict litigation on behalf of diagnostic company related to a vendor breach affecting more than ten million people.

Litigation counsel in large health insurer cyber attack, supporting breach response, litigation strategy, coordination, and discovery.

Lead counsel in class action related to cyberattack on large online retailer, successfully seeking dismissal with prejudice of the suit.

Counsel to public companies responding to ransomware incidents, including incident response, forensic investigation, regulatory issues and communications with stakeholders like insurers and auditors.

Awards and rankings

- Rising Stars Under 40, *Law360*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Privacy and cybersecurity breakfast seminars on U.S. and life sciences developments in Amsterdam
- News
 - Critical input needed: U.S. critical infrastructure asked to engage on proposed cyber reporting rules
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- News
 - Building a resilient tech strategy: Data bias
- News
 - Data breach response liability: Jury finds defendant not negligent for response to data breach
- Published Works

Management

State Attorneys General

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Vanderbilt Law School

B.A., Lipscomb University, summa cum laude

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Tennessee

■ Pro Bono Reflections – 50+ Years of Public Service
Podcast