



James Allison

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James Allison divides his caseload between white collar defense and investigation and conventional business litigation.

In white collar matters, James meets with clients at the inception of a matter to begin gathering and evaluating facts, and helps guide them through what's frequently a very emotionally demanding process. His role includes research, discovery practice and drafting, and he has worked on both internal investigations and cases involving a broad spectrum of enforcement agencies, including the SEC, the Department of Justice and the Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

His responsibilities in business litigation are similar. He works with clients, does legal research and provides general support throughout the course of matters, ensuring effective, thorough and professional representation.

Experience

Wells Fargo Bank

Serve as counsel for eighteen Wells Fargo current and former employees ranging from senior executives to a member of the Wells Fargo litigation department to private financial advisers in internal (Audit Committee) and multiple federal government (DOJ, SEC, OCC, and state attorneys general) investigations and civil suits regarding allegations of improper retail and wealth management sales practices and improper consumer lending practices.

U.S. Defense Contractor False Claims Act Criminal Investigation

Represented individual executive of large scale defense contractor in U.S. Attorney's Office investigation regarding potential false claims act violations in payment submissions.

Publications

12/13/2017

Criminal Antitrust Enforcement Likely to Keep Pace

12/1/2017

Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act Offers Protections to Whistleblowers

Outside the Office

Services

- Business Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Corporate Investigations
- Banking

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (J.D., 2017)
 - editor, Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law, Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law; member, trial team
- John Hopkins University, School of Education (M.S., 2013)
- Williams College (B.A., 2011)
 - captain of the varsity baseball team

Bar Admissions

- California

James is a potter, including throwing pots when he has access to a ceramics studio. He is also a bridge player who recently attended his first tournament, as well as an athlete who enjoys any kind of recreational sport – basketball, golf, running, soccer, tennis – you name it, James does it.