

# ALLISON VAN STEAN

Attorney at Law | Visiting Professor of Practice

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## EXPERIENCE

**AUGUST 2023 – PRESENT**

**VISITING PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE | DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS,**  
UNT-DALLAS COLLEGE OF LAW

- **Adjunct Faculty, Moot Court Coach | JULY 2022 – AUGUST 2023**

Teach six credit hours per semester in advocacy, delivering comprehensive instruction on trial techniques and legal writing. Identify, recruit, and hire coaching staff for moot court and mock trial teams, ensuring high-quality mentorship and support for student competitors. Organize and conduct tryouts to assemble advocacy teams, promoting a competitive selection process that aligns with academic excellence.

Research, select, and evaluate national and regional competitions for team participation, aligning choices with educational objectives and student development. Coach and mentor moot court teams, providing guidance on legal argumentation and courtroom presentation skills.

Serve as faculty advisor for the Board of Advocates, facilitating student leadership and ensuring effective governance within advocacy programs. Manage the annual Kastl Mock Trial and TC Moot Court Competitions, overseeing logistical planning and execution to guarantee successful events. Oversee the production of the "Per Say" podcast, produced by the Board of Advocates, curating content to engage and inform the legal community.

In addition to teaching and program management, led initiatives to enhance advocacy training, including the development of new coaching strategies, resource materials, and team-building exercises to foster collaboration and skill enhancement among students.

### **Related Organization and Committee Membership:**

- **National Association of Legal Advocacy Educators (2023-Present)**  
*Moot Court Committee (2024-2025)*
- **TEX-ABOTA Best in Texas Competition Planning Committee**  
*Rules and Problem Sub-Committee (2024-2025) | Host Sub-Committee (2023-2024)*

**AUGUST 2015 – AUGUST 2023**

**SENIOR ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, KIZZIA JOHNSON PLLC**

- **Law Clerk | AUGUST 2015 – NOVEMBER 2018**

Identify and research key legal issues to initiate and progress a broad-spectrum of cases, including Constitutional law, civil rights, family law, plaintiff's-side torts, and complex business cases. Research, examine, and analyze case precedent, legal regulations, and

statutory law for a variety of case-types. Draft, write, construct, author, and edit legal briefings, pleadings, and motions, including U.S. Supreme Court briefing.

Compose and present oral arguments, including Summary Judgment hearings and appellate arguments. Confer with managing partner and consult with clients on strategic legal decisions. Second-chair trial experience. Draft and respond to discovery. Primarily responsible for document review and evidence analysis.

Management duties, including managing a team of three, specifically: oversee law clerks and interns; manage legal assistants, paralegals, and other litigation support staff; and implementation of task delegation system.

In addition to staff management, litigation, and case progression, led a full overhaul of the firm's delegation and task management system. Overhaul encompassed creation of a task flow system, drafting a firm-wide handbook for case and lawsuit management, formation of document templates, training on firm-wide system, and implementation of same.

**JUNE 2017 – AUGUST 2017**

**INTERN LAW CLERK**, COLLIN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
CPS AND JUVENILE DIVISION

Shadowed assigned supervising prosecutor. Reviewed evidence, including jail calls and photographs, to convey opinion and suggestions on plea offers. Observed Drug Court. Participated in mediation. Monitored and partook in court hearings, including juvenile sentencing hearings and CPS evidentiary hearings. Presented arguments in hearings.

## EDUCATION

**MAY 2018**

**JURIS DOCTOR**, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS COLLEGE OF LAW

Dean's List (several semesters). Genesis Women's Outreach Shelter Protective Order Court Monitor Community Engagement. Moot Court Traveling Team. Women in Law Association. Dallas Bar Association. Board of Advocates: elected Interscholastic Chair (2017-2018); elected Thompson & Knight Moot Court Coordinator (2016-2017). Barrister's Ball Committee (2017-2018).

**DECEMBER 2014**

**B.A.S. HISTORY**, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Minors: Anthropology and Social Sciences, with a focus in Sociology. Dean's List (several semesters).

## AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *On the Cusp* Law Review Publication | Spring 2020
- State Bar of Texas Appellate Division, Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy | Spring 2018
- First Place, National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition | Fall 2017
- UNT President's Award for Community Engagement | Winter 2014