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Alix Dean Allison focuses her practice on oil and gas litigation, representing clients in lease termination, royalty litigation, contract disputes, and trespass-to-try-title suits. She has brought cases before both state and federal courts and also has experience in employment complex commercial disputes. Alix is regularly recognized for her work in oil and gas litigation by *The Best Lawyers in America*® as “One to Watch” in 2021–2024 and *Texas Super Lawyers* “Rising Stars” in 2020–2023. She was also named a “Top Attorney (Civil Law - Litigation)” by *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine in 2017 and 2018.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Alix served as a federal law clerk for the Hon. Reed O’Connor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. She earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from Texas Tech University, where she served as an articles editor of the *Texas Tech Law Review*. Alix also gained practical experience as a judicial extern for the Hon. Lee Gabriel of the Second Court of Appeals of Texas.

Representative Experience

- Second-chair counsel in a Midland County, TX, lease termination jury trial representing a Fort Worth-based oil and gas company against a Fortune 500 drilling company. Secured a unanimous finding that the lease terminated for failure to produce in profitable quantities and also terminated based on a total cessation of production without timely qualifying operations.
- Second chair in a retrial. Obtained a reversal of the original trial verdict where the jury found the lease terminated for failure to turn a profit and secured a remand for a new trial, resulting in a defense verdict where the jury unanimously determined that the lease produced in paying quantities. *BP America v. Laddex*, 513 S.W.3d 476 (Tex.).
- Assisted in obtaining a highly favorable settlement on the eve of trial representing a large oil company in an \$85 million contract dispute in Denver.
- Obtained summary judgment for the primary defendant, a Fort Worth-based oil and gas company, in a lease termination dispute involving 4,000 gross mineral acres in Loving County, TX.
- Represented clients in both prosecuting and defending lease termination disputes, including litigation involving production in paying quantities, retained acreage, and total cessation issues.
- Represented clients in royalty payment disputes.
- Secured summary judgment in an employment discrimination dispute under the ADA, Title VII, ADEA, and TCHRA, which was later affirmed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Secured summary judgment in a purported whistleblower dispute under the National Defense Authorization Act.

- Secured summary judgment in a retaliation and discrimination employment dispute before an administrative body.
- Defended a large private employer in several administrative proceedings before the Texas Workforce Commission.
- Represented employers in internal investigations related to potential violations of state and federal laws.
- Represented an international oil and gas company in a suit against multiple state attorneys general.
- Represented several Fort Worth–based hospitals in health care litigation matters.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Bad-Faith Washouts: Texas’s Newest Cause of Action,” *Texas Lawyer*, August 29, 2023.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Federal Bar Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court
- Tarrant County Volunteer Attorney Services
- Tarrant County Bar Association Women Attorneys Section, board (2017–2018)
- State Bar of Texas, Women in the Profession Committee
- Northern District of Texas, Court Advisory Committee
- Women's Energy Network

Education

- Texas Tech University (J.D., 2014)
- Angelo State University (B.A., 2011)

Admitted to Practice

- Texas