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Allison is a Principal Attorney at Quinn IP Law where she applies her engineering, legal, and business experiences to build strategic intellectual property portfolios for her clients. Allison's experiences as a research engineer and program manager have given her the tools to help clients understand the complexities of intellectual property law and bridge the gap between inventors and management personnel. Allison has experience working with a wide range of clients, from one-person startups to Fortune 50 companies. She provides assistance in understanding the patent preparation and prosecution process, works with inventors to develop an effective protection strategy, and effectively and efficiently prepares and prosecutes patent applications. Allison can also provide assistance with trademark, trade secret, and copyright services. Because a patent is at its heart a story released to the public, at Quinn, Allison helps clients transform their technology into a story.

Prior to joining Quinn IP Law, Allison was in-house intellectual property counsel at a major U.S. automotive manufacturer. In this role, she drafted and reviewed transactional agreements, prepared and prosecuted patent applications, analyzed the patentability of invention submissions, and counseled business unit clients on developing diverse intellectual property portfolios that best utilized corporate assets and resources. Allison developed experience in domestic and international patent drafting and prosecution as an Associate at a large intellectual property boutique law firm based in California. Prior to becoming an attorney, Allison was a research and program management engineer at Ford Motor Company and worked with a diverse team of engineers and scientists in fuel injection system research and development and intellectual property.

Allison holds both Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees from Indiana University-Bloomington, where she was a Kelley School of Business Dean's Fellow and a Maurer School of Law Fellowship Recipient. She obtained a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering with a focus on combustion and fluid dynamics from The University of Texas at Austin and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rice University where she was also Drum Major of the Marching Owl Band (the MOB). Allison is a member of the State Bar of California and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Practice Areas

Patent Prosecution – Mechanical and Aerospace Technologies; Design
Patent Portfolio Management
Technical Design and Consulting

Technical Areas

Automotive, Aerospace & Transportation
Clean & Green Technology
Consumer Goods
Industrial, Manufacturing & Materials Science
Robotics & Automation

Education

J.D., Maurer School of Law, Indiana University – Bloomington
MBA (Finance and Entrepreneurship), Kelley School of Business, Indiana University – Bloomington
M.S., The University of Texas at Austin, Aerospace Engineering
B.S.M.E., Rice University, Mechanical Engineering

Admissions & Memberships

State Bar of California
USPTO
California Lawyers Association – Intellectual Property Law Section