

ALLISON MATHIS

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EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law

- Doctor of Jurisprudence, Cum Laude, May 2012

University of Houston, Main Campus

- Master of Arts- English Language and Literature, December 2008

University of Houston, Downtown

- Bachelor of Arts- English, May 2006

PERTINENT WORK EXPERIENCE

April 2023- Present

Law Office of Allison Mathis

Houston, Texas

- Boutique criminal defense practice focused on excellent defense of primarily indigent clients from pre-arrest to post-conviction.

August 2022-April 2023

Neighborhood Defender Service-Texas Houston, Texas

Supervising Attorney of Houston Office

- Supervise 3 senior attorneys and approximately 12 staff attorneys in their representation of Operation LoneStar criminal cases;
- Set up office structures and programming for case allocation, staff and attorney training and mentorship, and develop relationships with other service providers and government agencies.
- Develop broad litigation strategy and ensure high standards of practice office-wide, including providing mentorship and advice to senior and staff attorneys.
- Handle a small docket of serious cases.

Fall 2022

South Texas College of Law

Houston, Texas

Clinical Adjunct Instructor

- Co-teach “Actual Innocence Clinic” with Dean Cathy Burnett.

August 2020- August 2022

Harris County Public Defender’s Office

Houston, Texas

Assistant Public Defender, Post-Conviction Division

- Assist chief in establishing new division, develop procedures and train staff;
- Investigate post-conviction claims and represent clients seeking relief through writs, pardons, and commutations.

April 2019- August 2020

Assistant Public Defender, Felony Trial Division

- Represent indigent persons charged with felony offenses in State court at trial-level.

August 2018- April 2019

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

LaConner, Washington

Tribal Advocate

- Represent tribal members charged with criminal offenses before Tribal court;
- Advise and assist attorneys in State and Federal court who represent Tribal clients;
- Develop alternative dispositional programs such as drug court and deferred prosecution;
- Litigate expanded tribal jurisdiction and assist in revision of legal codes.

May 2017-August 2018

Law Offices of the Public Defender

Aztec, New Mexico

Assistant Public Defender

- Felony attorney carrying a docket comprised of approximately 200-250 trial cases at any given time.

August 2017- August 2021

Center for Advanced Legal Studies

Houston, Texas

Adjunct Instructor

- Develop course material and teach distance learning classes to paralegal students;
- Classes taught include: Legal Ethics, Criminal Law & Procedure, and English Composition.

January 2016-May 2017

Fort Bend County Public Defender's Office Richmond, Texas

Assistant Public Defender

- Hybrid felony/misdemeanor trial attorney carrying a docket of approximately 100 trial cases.

June 2014-January 2016

Palau Public Defender's Office Koror, Palau

Chief Public Defender January 2015 - January 2016

- Managed and delegated the caseload for all criminal matters in the Republic of Palau.
- Supervised three assistant public defenders and three staff members.
- Represent major felonies from first appearance to appeal/post-conviction.
- Represented office at governmental proceedings (Office of the President, Senate) and to media;
- Developed partnerships with local non-profits to provide civil legal services and social work support to clients.
- Litigated conditions of confinement, ending solitary confinement in the jurisdiction.

Assistant Public Defender June 2014 – December 2015

- Represent misdemeanors and felonies in the Republic from first appearance to appeal/post-conviction
- Bench trials approximately twice a month.

January 2015-January 2016

Palau Community College Koror, Palau

Adjunct Professor, Criminal Law and Procedure

- Develop and present course materials, evaluate student performance and retention.

November 2012- July 2014 **Law Offices of Jackson & Reed** Houston, TX

Partner

- Pre-trial, trial, appellate, and post-conviction/parole representation;

Selected Accomplishments:

Vice President, Harris County Criminal Lawyers' Association, 2022

Board Member, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers' Association, 2019-2022

Gideon's Promise Public Defender Training, Class of 2013
TCDLA President's Award Recipient, 2021

HCCLA President's Award Recipient, 2022

Recurrent Publications:

Ask Allison: quarterly column for American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section magazine (2018-present)

Chapter and Verse: monthly column for TCDLA's Voice for the Defense (2020-2022)

National Association for Public Defense Contributor (2016-2019)

In Print:

Mathis, A. (2020). Mitigation. In E. Kelley (Ed.), *Representing people with autism spectrum disorders: A practical guide for criminal defense lawyers*. American Bar Association Press.

Mathis, A. (2022). Working Up a Case. In E. Kelley (Ed.), *Representing people with dementia: A practical guide for criminal defense lawyers*. American Bar Association Press.

Recent CLE Presentations:

Double Double (Jeopardy) Toil and Trouble-CAIL, 2022

Preservation of (t)Error-TCDLA, 2021; HCCLA, 2022

Writ or Get Off the Pot-CAIL, 2021

Negotiations and Love Songs-TCDLEI, 2021

Habeas Pocus- HCPDO, 2020

Pleading the Belly: Historical Women and How They Benefit Modern Practice- NAPD, 2020