

Alison G. Johnson

PARTNER

Corporate

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FOCUS AREAS

Biotech
Consumer Products and
Services
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Corporate Life Sciences
Emerging Companies and
Venture Capital
FoodTech and AgTech
Life Sciences
Mergers & Acquisitions
Software

EXPERIENCE

Alison G. Johnson is a corporate partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she focuses on the representation of emerging companies at all stages of growth, advising them on venture capital and other financings, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and corporate governance matters. She also represents venture capital firms and angel investors.

Alison's clients include both locally based and national companies across the country in a wide range of industries, including e-commerce, SaaS, biotechnology, and agtech.

Prior to rejoining the firm in 2021, Alison served as Holland & Hart's firmwide chair of the food and beverage and consumer products industry group. She joined that firm in 2010 and made partner in 2016. Alison began her legal career as a corporate associate in Wilson Sonsini's Palo Alto office.

Alison is practicing virtually in Idaho, where she is licensed.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law
Magna Cum Laude; Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, Santa Clara Law Review; Co-founder and Vice President, Health Care Law Society
- B.A., Philosophy, Santa Clara University
Summa Cum Laude

Associations and Memberships

- Member, Board of Trustees, Idaho Technology Council, 2015-present
- Co-chair, Capital Connect Conference, Idaho Technology Council, 2015-present
- Leadership Board Member, Women Innovators (W.IN), 2018-present
- Member, State Bar of Idaho
- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, American Bar Association

Honors

- Recognized in the Corporate/Commercial category of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, 2017-2026
- Named as a Rising Star for Mergers & Acquisitions in *Mountain States Super Lawyers*, 2018
- Honored with the Idaho Women Lawyers Innovator Award, 2017

Admissions

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of Idaho

MATTERS

Select Representations

- Represented Purely Elizabeth, a leading natural foods company, in connection with a \$3 million minority investment from 301 INC, the General Mills new business development and venturing unit*

* Denotes experience at another firm prior to joining Wilson Sonsini in 2021.

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- "We can get better as we get bigger, Boise, by supporting new generation of business and talent," *Idaho Statesman*, June 13, 2018
- Co-author, "Luck: Where Preparation Meets Opportunity," *Law Week Colorado*, June 19, 2017

Select Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, "State of the Ecosystem Panel," *Boise Startup Week*, October 31, 2020
- Panelist, "What will Idaho's offices look like in the future? BoiseDev event considers all the angles," BoiseDev, April 29, 2020
- Panelist, "From Farmers Market to Super Market," Boise Startup Week's Trailmix Event, October 18, 2018
- "Mitigating Food Safety Liability through Contract and Exploring the Future of Blockchain for Food Distribution," Apple Processors Association Annual Meeting, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, June 2018
- Moderator, "Tastemakers: Idaho Restaurants and Breweries," *Idaho Business Review* Breakfast Series, Boise, Idaho, February 2017