

Allyson Ho Speaks with Law360 After Being Named a 2025 Appellate MVP

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Partner Allyson Ho spoke with *Law360* after being named one of their [2025 Appellate MVPs](#). Allyson said that her biggest accomplishment this year was "not letting the urgent overtake the important" – a tough balance to strike. "Our clients entrust us with their most important matters, so it's imperative to stay laser-focused on the big picture and achieving the ultimate success for them while also quickly putting out the fires that arise," Allyson said. This was the case when she convinced the Fifth Circuit to overturn a contempt order against Texas officials in charge of the state's foster care system that would have fined them \$100,000 a day. "It was imperative for us to move very quickly to get that order stayed in the court of appeals, so we had to ... pull together a stay application very quickly, I think it was within 24 hours, because the order was set to go into immediate effect," Allyson said. "While at the same time putting together our appeal of the order itself and also our request, which we made very seriously, for the judge to be removed from the case."

Allyson discussed several other topics with *Law360* including her proudest moment, her advice for junior lawyers, and why she chose appellate law.

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