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OVERVIEW

Alicia is a Partner in WH Burkley's Real Estate Group and Partner-in-Charge of the Columbus office. With nearly 20 years of experience, she is widely regarded for her broad experience in commercial real estate and construction.

Alicia regularly advises buyers, sellers, developers, landlords, and tenants on sophisticated commercial real estate purchase, sale, and leasing transactions. She also counsels builders, contractors, and design professionals on construction contracting, risk management, project acquisition, entitlements, incentives, delivery methods, and contract negotiation. Her work includes drafting and negotiating construction agreements, advising on lien rights and payment issues, and guiding clients through project governance and compliance.

Her practice also includes significant work in the hospitality and restaurant industries. As a member of the firm's Hospitality & Liquor Control Group, Alicia advises restaurants, bars, and hotel companies on mergers and acquisitions, commercial leasing, liquor permitting, and general business matters.

A committed advocate, Alicia invests the time to understand each client's business goals and operational realities. She focuses on building long-term partnerships and delivering practical, solutions-oriented counsel that helps clients mitigate risk, proactively address issues, and advance their strategic objectives.

RECOGNITION

- *Super Lawyers* – Real Estate “Rising Star” (Ohio) | 2015-2019
- *Building Industry Association of Central Ohio* – Rising Star | 2019

PRESENTATIONS

- “Risk Management & Legal Update,” 2023 Restaurant Masterclass presented by GBQ Partners LLC and the Ohio Restaurant Association, Presenter, October 24, 2023
- “Eviction Basics,” The Basics of Landlord/Tenant Law CLE, Columbus Bar Association, Co-Presenter, September 12, 2018

ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association | Member
- Ohio State Bar Association | Member

EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University, J.D.
 - *cum laude*
- Cornell University, B.S.

FOCUS

- Liquor Control & Hospitality
- Real Estate

NEWS

- Marijuana Use Prohibited on Ohio Liquor Permit Premises Following Passage of Issue 2
- Transaction Fees, Service Fees, and the FTC’s Proposed Ban on Junk Fees
- Overview: Ohio Liquor Permitting
- Short-Term Rental Hosts: Does Your Property Qualify as a Public Accommodation and Can You Refuse Animals?

LICENSED

- Ohio
- U.S. District Courts, Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio

OFFICE

- Columbus