

# Gregory J. Allen

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## Career Snapshot

- Five years as the chief counsel to NYSIF, the State's largest workers' compensation insurance carrier with assets of approximately \$12 billion.
- Key drafter of many pieces of significant legislation.
- Negotiated settlement agreements for several historic Indian land claims.
- Assisted in implementing State Video Lottery terminal program authorized under Chapter 383 of Laws of 2001.
- As program counsel to the DEC Water Division, reviewed permit applications for major electric generating facilities.

## Practice Areas

- Appeals
- Compliance & Public Integrity
- Criminal Defense
- Environmental Law
- Government Relations
- Indian & Gaming Law
- Insurance & Accident Law

## Bar Admissions

- New York
- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court/Northern District of New York

## Education

- Quinnipiac College School of Law - J.D. (1993)
- SUNY at Albany - B.A. (1989)

## Professional Experience:

### **Allen & Desnoyers LLP**

**Albany, New York**

**January 2012 – Present**

#### **Partner**

Provide legal advice and counsel to the firm's clients on a wide variety of issues, including: appeals, business & corporate law, compliance, ethics & public integrity, criminal defense, environmental, estate planning, Indian & gaming law, insurance and real estate law.

### **New York State Insurance Fund**

**Albany, New York**

**November 2006 – December 2011**

#### **General Attorney**

Advised the Commissioners and senior management of the New York State Insurance Fund on all matters of law arising in connection with any contract or policy of insurance issued by the Fund. Attorney of record in all suits/proceedings to which the Fund is a party. Conducted all appeals on behalf of the Fund and employers insured in the Fund.

### **Office of the Governor**

**Albany, New York**

**November 2000 – November 2006**

#### **Senior Assistant & Deputy Counsel**

Advised the Governor and senior staff regarding legislation, litigation, rule-making and various legal matters such as: the State budget, environmental issues, agriculture, land use, local government, horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering, alcoholic beverage control, lottery and Native American affairs.

### **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

**Albany, New York**

**February 1999 – November 2000**

#### **Associate Counsel**

Advised executive staff on legal matters related to water resource policy and environmental permitting under federal, state and local law.

### **Office of the Governor**

**Albany, New York**

**March 1997 – February 1999**

#### **Assistant Counsel**

Reviewed background investigations for gubernatorial appointees, including criminal history, credit history and ethics.

### **Columbia County Public Defender**

**Hudson, New York**

**January 1996 – March 1997**

#### **Assistant Public Defender**

Represented indigent parties in criminal and family court matters within the county, including client consultation, pre-trial motions, hearings, trials and appeals.

### **Columbia County District Attorney**

**Hudson, New York**

**March 1995 – December 1995**

#### **Assistant District Attorney**

Prosecuted both misdemeanor and felony cases, including grand jury, motions, pre-trial hearings, trials and appeals.