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Alyse Prawde is a trial attorney with extensive experience litigating civil cases that involve complex legal issues. As a passionate advocate, she frequently represents clients in a variety civil rights cases, including excessive force, wrongful arrest, and other law enforcement misconduct, as well as students who have been sexually abused or harassed.

She also has significant experience in commercial litigation, business disputes, and representing clients in a variety of employment matters, including cases involving wrongful termination and non-compete and non-solicitation agreements. Additionally, Alyse regularly represents developers in litigation and appeals.

Alyse approaches each matter by identifying the unique circumstances of each client's case and tailoring a strategic approach to their situation and goals. In striving to obtain the best possible results for her clients, working tirelessly to help them through challenging personal or business situations and navigate the complexities of litigation. Alyse's greatest strengths include her exceptional written advocacy and her thorough and thoughtful approach to each client's case.

Prior to joining Joseph, Greenwald & Laake, Alyse was a law clerk for the Honorable Audrey Carrion in the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. She previously worked as a judicial intern for Justice Mary Ellen Barbera, the former Chief Justice of the Maryland Supreme Court, and as an intern in the criminal division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

While in law school, Alyse was a writing fellow and the Executive Articles Editor for the Maryland Journal of International Law. She served as a student attorney with the Immigration Clinic, representing clients in removal proceedings, advocating before the Immigration Court in Baltimore, and drafting briefs to the Board of Immigration Appeals. Upon graduating, Alyse received several honors, including the 2014 Elizabeth Maxwell Carroll Chestnut Prize, known as the "Dean's Award," for her scholarship, professionalism, and excellence in writing; the Joseph Bernstein Prize for legal writing; and the William P. Cunningham Award for exceptional achievements and service to the law school.

Admissions

- Maryland
- US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- US District Court for the District of Maryland

Education

- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, JD, *cum laude,* 2014
- College of William & Mary, BA, *magna cum laude,* 2011

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Experience

- Obtained a settlement representing a student who had been sexually assaulted in a locker room at Damascus High School in Montgomery County. Attorneys included Alyse, Timothy Maloney and Matthew Bryant.
- Obtained a settlement representing the family of a student who had died after choking on a disposable glove at an Anne Arundel County public school. The litigation team included Alyse, Timothy Maloney, and Matthew Bryant.
- Successfully obtained a settlement on behalf of 13 children who had been sexually abused by a teacher's aide at Sylvania Woods Elementary School in Prince George's County. Attorneys included Alsye and Timothy Maloney
- With Timothy Maloney, Alyse obtained a judgment in favor of their client, the incumbent Frederick County Council President, in which the court found that her opponent did not meet the residency requirements for the county council seat.
- In a reported opinion, the Appellate Court of Maryland determined that the Prince George's County Planning Board had not erred in approving the firm's client's Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for the Suffrage Point development in Hyattsville. *Wolf v. Planning Board*, 2023 Md. App. LEXIS 866 (Dec. 21, 2023).
- In a reported opinion, the Appellate Court of Maryland largely affirmed the decision of the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the District Council, in approving a Conceptual Site Plan for the firm's client's development in Hyattsville. *City of Hyattsville v. Prince George's Cnty. Council*, 254 Md. App. 1 (2022).
- Represented a Montgomery County government employee in arguing that her supervisor's personal notes about the employee would be required to be disclosed under the Maryland Public Information Act. *Lamson v. Montgomery Cnty.*, 460 Md. 349 (2018).
- Alyse, with Timothy Maloney and Jay Holland obtained a settlement on behalf of the first female superintendent of Howard County Public Schools following a dispute with members of the board of education. This team also represented three of the superintendent's deputies in obtaining a settlement in their lawsuit alleging discrimination and retaliation.

Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2027
- Super Lawyers® Rising Star, 2020–2026
- Elizabeth Maxwell Carroll Chestnut Prize (Dean's Award)
- Joseph Bernstein Prize
- William P. Cunningham Award
- Leadership Scholar Award

Affiliations

- Maryland State Bar Association
- Prince George's County Bar Association

Media

- "The Contribution of Brazil's 'Responsibility While Protecting' Proposal to the 'Responsibility to Protect' Doctrine," 29 Md. J. Int'l L. 184 (2014).

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- Wrongful Conviction

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