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James P. Allison was born in Paris, Texas, and reared in Delta County, Texas. He received a Bachelor's Degree in 1967 and a Master's Degree in 1968 in Government from East Texas State University.

In September, 1968, Allison was selected as a Texas Legislative Intern, a Ford Foundation-sponsored program, and served as a staff assistant for the Senate State Affairs Committee. In 1970, Allison served as Research Director of the Senate Interim Committee on Urban Affairs. He directed the research staff of Senator Barbara Jordan in the 1971 session.

In 1971, Allison received his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University of Texas School of Law. He returned to Delta County and was elected County Attorney in 1972.

In 1979, Attorney General Mark White appointed Allison to serve as Chief of the County and Local Government Section in the Office of the Attorney General. While in the Attorney General's office, Allison also advised local officials on legal questions and prepared Opinions of the Attorney General on local government issues.

In 1983, Allison returned to the private practice of law in Austin, Texas. As a partner in now Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P, his clients include several counties and special districts. He is licensed to appear in the state courts, all federal district courts in Texas, the Fifth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals and the U. S. Supreme Court. He has lectured at seminars for local government officials at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the V. G. Young Institute of County Government. He has authored several articles for county publications.

Allison currently serves as General Counsel of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.