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Alena M. Allen, Dean and Professor of Law at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, began her service as dean on July 1, 2023. Allen's scholarship focuses on health policy and tort law and has been published in the *North Carolina Law Review*, *Fordham Law Review*, *Ohio State Law Journal*, *BYU Law Review*, and *Cardozo Law Review*.

Prior to joining LSU, Allen served as deputy director for the Association of American Law Schools and as interim dean and professor of law at the University of Arkansas School of Law. She also served as associate dean for research and faculty development. Allen began her academic career at the Cecil C. Humphreys University of Memphis School of Law where she received teaching, scholarship and service awards, and served as director of diversity and of research.

Allen earned her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Loyola University New Orleans. She is a graduate of Yale Law School. She served as law clerk for Judge Samuel H. Mays, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, and Judge Paulette J. Delk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee. Allen previously practiced at Arnold & Porter (Washington D.C.) and Baker Botts (Houston).