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Aliya is a partner in the Strategic Transactions & Licensing group.

Aliya's practice focuses on companies in the life sciences industry and a broad range of emerging growth companies throughout their lifecycles, including their M&A activities. She has significant experience in negotiating licensing and commercial agreements, as well as advising clients on intellectual property protection and strategy, strategic alliances and all aspects of their day-to-day business. Aliya also represents a number of leading venture capital firms in connection with their investments in life sciences and emerging growth companies.

Aliya received her J.D. in 2013 from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. She also received a Parker School Certificate in International and Comparative Law from Columbia. While at the law school, Aliya served as the Executive Articles Editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. In 2013, Aliya also received an M.P.H. from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, where

she focused on health policy and management. Aliya received her A.B. from Princeton University in 2007.

Prior to attending law school, Aliya lived in Cape Town, South Africa for two years, where she worked in curriculum development for mothers2mothers, an international non-profit organization dedicated to preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, J.D.
- Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, M.P.H., Health Policy and Management
- Princeton University, A.B., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, African Studies, Portuguese Language and Culture

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York

ACHIEVEMENTS

- CIPP/US Certified
- Aliya was selected for inclusion in “Ones to Watch” by *Best Lawyers* in Intellectual Property Law and Venture Capital Law (since 2021)

Focus Areas

Strategic Transactions & Licensing

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