

## Allison Taylor on navigating career paths and thriving in energy

Deloitte is proud to introduce the next profile in our series of women in the energy industry. By highlighting the stories of women in energy, we hope to help facilitate meaningful conversations, create connections, and showcase the myriad of opportunities available to enter and thrive in the energy industry.



Allison Taylor, an Audit & Assurance partner with Deloitte & Touche LLP, shares her career journey from North Carolina to Florida. Growing up in Durham, North Carolina, Allison was raised as a Duke Blue Devils fan, however she traded in her Duke blue for Carolina blue completing her undergraduate degree and master's in accounting at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She has worked for Deloitte for over 22 years and currently resides in Jupiter, Florida.

**Allison Taylor**  
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## Embracing opportunities in the power and utilities sector

Allison's family moved around in her early years, ultimately settling in North Carolina, where she later started her career through an internship in Deloitte's Raleigh office. The experience led to her applying to a full-time position with Deloitte after she completed her master's degree. Her career in the energy sector officially began with her assignment to a large public utility client, where she found herself enjoying the work and the team.

She reminisced about an experience in her early days in the industry following the creation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act where she rode around in a truck wearing a hard hat doing meter reads with a client in order to obtain an understanding of the client's internal controls related to the revenue process. She admits that she has learned more about the power sector than she expected to as an accountant.

Allison credits this early experience to lay the foundation for her continued interest in the energy sector. When her client was acquired in 2012, Allison expressed her desire to stay in the energy industry, leading to her relocation to Florida in 2013 to serve a new client.

## Balancing family and career

Family comes first for Allison. She has emphasized the importance of organization and communication. She finds a balance between her personal and professional life by prioritizing critical activities and maintaining open communication with her team. This approach has allowed her to manage her career while being present for her family.

"I always tell my team members 'figure out what your one non-negotiable thing is that makes you feel good about you as a person and talk about it.' And I think if we can all figure out what really makes us happy as people, we can all help each other be able to still participate in whatever that is during peak times."

Allison believes getting to do the things that personally fulfill you can help yield more success professionally. For her that looks like spending time with her family.

## Career highlights and mentorship

Allison highlights several career milestones, including signing her first public audit opinion and being admitted to the partnership at Deloitte. She credits her success to the supportive network of mentors and colleagues within Deloitte.

When asked about a piece of advice she would give to her younger self, she quickly responds "do not accept 'no'", before adding about the importance of being thoughtful about where you want to go and whose help you will need to get there. The apprenticeship culture at Deloitte has played a significant role in her professional growth, providing guidance and support at every stage of her career.

She enjoys advising clients by understanding their businesses and providing insights beyond the audit opinion.

## The evolving energy industry

Allison describes the current state of the energy industry as one of rapid change. The increasing load demands from data centers are transforming the industry. She believes that having different perspectives is crucial for addressing these challenges and driving innovation.

Allison advises those entering the energy industry to be themselves and bring their unique perspectives to the organization. She emphasizes the importance of confidence and recognizing one's worth. She believes that variety of thought and experience is essential for the industry's future.

Allison's journey in the energy industry is a testament to resilience, mentorship, and embracing opportunities. She hopes her story will inspire others to find their path, build supportive networks, and contribute to the ever-evolving energy sector.

# Allison Taylor: The lightning round

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Describing herself in three words: Focused, organized, outgoing  
Favorite food or drink: Mexican food  
Favorite place to travel: Islamorada, Florida Keys  
One thing on her bucket list: Seeing Mount Rushmore

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