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Overview

Melissa focuses her practice on employment law, commercial disputes, professional liability, e-discovery matters, and appellate advocacy. She represents companies, professionals, associations, and individuals in complex disputes, helping clients navigate workplace issues, business conflicts, liability claims, and appeals with a practical, strategic approach.

Clients work with Melissa for:

- Defense of employment claims, including discrimination, harassment, and wrongful termination
- Defense of commercial-litigation and business disputes
- Defense of professional-liability claims involving lawyers, insurance agents, accountants, and other professionals
- Representation of homeowners' associations in litigation involving statutory claims, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty
- Defense of complex personal-injury claims
- Guidance in employment and professional-liability cases in the context of regulatory and agency proceedings

1. Electronic litigation and e-discovery strategy

Melissa works with clients through all phases of litigation in both state and federal courts, through investigation, discovery, motion practice, settlement negotiations, trial, and appeal. Melissa guides clients through all stages of the appellate process, including initial strategy, briefing, and oral argument before the Minnesota Court of Appeals, Minnesota Supreme Court, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D.

Services

- Electronic Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment
- Appellate
- Professional Liability

State Bar Admissions

- Minnesota, 1998

Federal Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2001
- United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 2000
- United States District Court, District of North Dakota, 2020

- Boston University, B.A., cum laude

Prior Experience

- Law Clerk to the Honorable Marianne D. Short, R.A. (Jim) Randall, and Thomas J. Kalitowski, Minnesota Court of Appeals
- Executive Editor, Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine

Experience

Professional Affiliations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Minnesota Women Lawyers
  - Past Member, Board of Directors
- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Minnesota State Bar Association — North Star Lawyer Pro Bono Award, 2016-2018