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Melissa is licensed in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. She spends the majority of her professional time defending medical malpractice claims. Melissa routinely represents a major hospital system in West Virginia and defends physicians, nurses, and other hospital employees. She has also defended numerous cases involving podiatric malpractice. Melissa has also represented physicians in professional licensure complaints before the West Virginia Board of Medicine and has defended assisted living facilities in wrongful death cases brought pursuant to the West Virginia Medical Professional Liability Act.

She has vast experience as a trial lawyer representing national and regional clients in areas including personal injury defense, contractual disputes, employment issues, commercial litigation, mass litigation, and general corporate defense. She has also represented a major utility company in a variety of matters including premises liability, personal injury, occupational injury, property disputes and fire loss claims. Her depth and breadth of experience make her popular with clients who have diverse needs.

Melissa's extensive experience defending allegations of blasting damage throughout West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky has enabled her to conduct seminars for clients and individuals on handling such cases. Likewise, she has significant experience defending companies within the coal mining industry and has represented clients in matters involving the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

### Services

- Litigation
- Medical Malpractice

### Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 1997)
  - West Virginia Law Review
- West Virginia University (M.P.A., 1994)
  - Professional Accountancy
- West Virginia University (B.S., 1993)
  - Business Administration

## **Bar Admissions**

- Kentucky
- Ohio
- West Virginia

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

## **Affiliations/Memberships**

- Dress for Success River Cities (2010 - 2016)
  - Board of Directors
  - Vice president
- Junior League of Huntington (2014 - present)
  - Board of Directors (2015 - 2016)
  - Touch-A-Truck and the soup drive, co-chair
- Education Alliance, Board of Directors (2012 - 2015)
- Goodwill Industries, good guide mentor (2010 - 2011)
- State Scholars Initiative, volunteer

## **Experience**

### **Provide representation in claims regarding state and federal credit acts**

We represent third party lenders in claims regarding the West Virginia Consumer Credit Protection Act, Federal Truth in Lending Act and various other federal acts.

### **Medical malpractice claim against physician dismissed**

A medical malpractice claim filed with the West Virginia Board of Medicine against our client, an area physician, was dismissed.

### **Summary judgment for client in motor vehicle collision case**

We obtained summary judgment on behalf of our client in a motor vehicle collision case. The Plaintiff claimed extensive personal injury and our client was at fault. The court ruled there was no way a jury could assign a verdict citing our client was more at fault than the plaintiff.

### **Summary judgment obtained for client in medical malpractice claim**

We obtained summary judgment for our client, a physician in West Virginia. Through an extensive and lengthy discovery processes, we were able to establish evidence the plaintiff had knowledge of the condition before the statute of limitations. The court granted a summary judgment.

### **Defense of clients on blasting cases**

We have defended an excess of 50 blasting claims throughout West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. These cases involved defending mining companies, state and local government and construction companies businesses who use blasting as a means of clearing areas to conduct their business.