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Locations

Houston

Related Practices

Complex Commercial Litigation
Intellectual Property

Related Sectors

Healthcare & Life Sciences
Energy and Natural Resources

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law (L.L.M., Intellectual Property Law, 2014)
 - Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal, *Chief Articles Editor*
- University of Illinois College of Law (JD, *cum laude*, 2013)
 - University of Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy, *Production Editor*
 - CALI Award for Excellence in Legal Research
 - Harno Scholar
 - Deans List
 - Avery Brundage Scholar (2011-2013)
- Northwestern University (BA in Political Science and History, 2005)
 - J.G. Nolan Scholar
 - Captain Maxwell W. Balfour Scholar
 - Division I Athlete (Tennis)

Melissa is a skilled litigator and trial lawyer with first-chair experience in complex commercial disputes. She has represented clients through all stages of litigation, from pre-trial strategy and motion practice to discovery, depositions, and bench/jury trials. A former top-ranked tennis player, Melissa applies the same tenacity and discipline from the court to the courtroom, delivering strong advocacy for her clients. Her practice spans commercial litigation and appeals, with additional expertise in intellectual property disputes, including high-stakes patent litigation and inter partes review proceedings.

As Senior Counsel at Diamond McCarthy, Melissa brings a strategic, results-driven approach to litigation. A native of Puerto Rico, her bilingual skills have been instrumental in representing Spanish-speaking clients and negotiating effectively with opposing parties, facilitating efficient case resolution.

Melissa's dedication to advocacy extends to her pro bono work, where she represents asylum seekers before the USCIS and Board of Immigration Appeals. She also actively mentors law students through the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity program and the Intellectual Property American Inn of Court.

Representative Experience

- Represented Fortune 100 healthcare distributor against claims brought by numerous counties in the opioid MDL.
- Represented a major telecommunications company in six patent infringement cases involving Voice Over IP technology – one resulting in a finding of willful infringement and a jury award of \$139.8 million (the largest-ever patent verdict in the State of Kansas), and others resulting in favorable settlements.
- Tried trade secrets and unfair competition case to judgment for oilfield services company, resulting in a multimillion-dollar verdict, including compensatory and punitive damages.
- Represented defendant video game company in patent infringement lawsuits involving software for networking management, which resulted in a favorable settlement.
- Represented oilfield services company in complex breach of contract case against a major contractor and insurance company, resulting in favorable settlements shortly before trial.
- Represented major beverage corporation in a contract dispute before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

- Represented oil & gas company in an investigation conducted by the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.
- Provided intellectual property counseling to oilfield services company.

Professional Associations

- Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)

Bar Admissions

- Texas