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About Melissa

With more than two decades of experience, Melissa provides dispute-resolution counsel tailored to each client's goals, markets, and regulatory environment. She concentrates her practice on litigating insurance coverage disputes.

In construction defect matters, Melissa represents carriers in lawsuits involving large homes, condominium associations, commercial properties, and underground utility lines. In automobile coverage cases, she handles business use exclusions in non-trucking liability policies and uninsured motorist provisions in personal, business, and umbrella policies. She also prepares coverage opinions and represents carriers in lawsuits involving advertising injuries, loss of use claims, professional negligence, and work-related fatalities.

Melissa also represents insurance agents in subrogation actions and errors and omissions disputes. In addition, she advises companies involved in litigation related to the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act.

Areas of Focus

Industries: Construction; Insurance; Transportation & Mobility

Services: Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling; Litigation & Trial

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Insurance Law, 2026

- American University Washington College of Law, *Administrative Law Review*, Articles Editor; Moot Court Society

Credentials

Education

American University Washington College of Law, JD, 2003

Wheaton College, BA, *cum laude*, 1999

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

US District Court for the Middle District of Florida

US District Court for the Northern District of Florida

US District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Interests

Did you know...

An experienced rider, Melissa enjoys watching Olympic and professional equestrians compete in Wellington, Florida. She is also the proud owner of a rescue pug and a fan of watching Broadway, often attending live performances in New York.

Thought Leadership

Insights for Insurers Alert

- Eleventh Circuit Holds Insurer's Protectable Interest Protects Insurer From Slander and Tortious Interference Claims, Jun 14, 2011

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- Hinshaw Announces Election of 16 Partners In Nine U.S. offices, Jan 4, 2021