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Melissa Lang has over 35 years of civil litigation experience, earning an AV rating from Martindale-Hubble. The primary focus of her practice is on coverage for both first party and third party commercial and personal lines claims. Outside of her coverage work, Melissa has managed the defense of complex class actions, large property losses, and catastrophic injury and death claims. Resolution of claims for individual and group accidental death, disability, and life insurance benefits, both ERISA and non-ERISA, is her sub-specialty. Melissa has also defended and prosecuted sales practices claims against producers and insurers.

In addition to litigation, Melissa advises institutional and individual clients seeking amicable resolution of contract and payment disputes to structure results and promote commercial growth where adversarial actions may serve to destroy viable relationships which hold future profit potential.

Melissa's efforts on behalf of a broad range of clientele have resulted in a positive impact in the areas of contract interpretation and the scope of duties owed by insurers to insureds and third parties.

Reported decisions of note are:

- *McGill v. Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company*, 285 Fed. Appx. 765 (1st Cir. 2008) (Sandra Day O'Connor, Associate Justice (Retired) (fraud in the sale of individual disability coverage).
- *Weisblatt v. Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company*, 4 F.Supp.2d 371 (E.D. Pa. 1998) (widely cited in jurisdictions throughout the US and in learned treatises and law review articles as to the scope of insurance brokers' and agents' duties to obtain coverage consistent with the insureds' needs)
- *SuperMedia LLC v. Morley*, 2014 WL 502338 (E.D. Pa. 2014), following *SuperMedia v. Affordable Electric, Inc.*, 565 F.App'x 146 (2014) (addressing alleged pre-litigation spoliation of evidence)
- *Ziegler v. Easton Suburban Water Authority*, 243 A.3d 553 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2012) (addressing admissibility of non-expert opinion evidence in property damage claims)

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Practice Areas

Appellate
Automobile
Claims & Litigation Monitoring
Complex Multi-Party Litigation
Construction
Dram Shop Liability
Employment Practices
Environmental & Toxic Tort
General Liability
Insurance Coverage
Ocean/Marine and
Complex Property Claims
Products Liability
Professional Liability
Reinsurance
Special Investigations
Subrogation
Transportation & Trucking

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Professional Affiliations

Philadelphia Bar Association
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Distinctions

Melissa is a Judge Pro Tempore for the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas – Civil Division.
AV Rated Martindale-Hubbell

Admissions

Bar

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

Courts

United States Districts Courts for
the Eastern

Middle and Western Districts of
Pennsylvania and the District of
New Jersey

United States Courts of Appeals for
the First and Third Circuits

Supreme Court of the United States

Education

Delaware Law School
of Widener University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute