



MEET MELISSA

*“I am proactive in investigating, defending and resolving various client issues efficiently, and will assure my clients that I will be communicating with them through every step of litigation to guarantee that they will be satisfied with the outcome of their case and my representation.”*

— Melissa Scacchitti

Melissa is an Associate in Obermayer’s Litigation practice group. Her trial practice is focused on defense in commercial, insurance, and environmental matters, including motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, property damage, and breach of contract claims. In this role, Melissa manages cases from inception to conclusion, throughout the pleadings and discovery stages of litigation, as well as handling arbitrations and settlement negotiations.

As a practitioner, Melissa emphasizes communication with clients as a fundamental and essential aspect of her practice. She strives to provide clients with answers to all of their questions, including anticipating issues before they arise, and proactively providing information before it’s required. Melissa’s goal is to deliver client service that’s simultaneously comprehensive and highly responsive, thereby allowing clients to feel secure in knowing she will handle anything that may arise during the course of litigation without any additional worry or concern from them.

Her role is that of a problem-solver. In addition to communication, she’s also exceptionally proactive in investigating, defending and resolving client issues efficiently. As an advocate, negotiator, and adviser, Melissa both effectively represents clients, and makes sure they’re fully informed.

In her spare time, Melissa is an avid traveler, and enjoys reading, studying Italian, cooking and dining out in Philadelphia’s restaurants. She also enjoys hiking and spending time outdoors.

## EXPERIENCE

Melissa has personally managed over 50 cases, representing insureds on behalf of numerous carriers. She has won multiple defense awards at arbitration, successfully defended and negotiated settlements, won dismissal of a fraudulent negligence action and successfully litigated various claims made against both individual and commercial insureds in various casualty litigation cases, as well as real estate and construction clients.

In her work, Melissa has taken and defended numerous depositions, as well as drafted discovery materials, pleadings, briefs, and a variety of other legal documents. She is a skilled negotiator, and particularly effective at identifying key issues, developing consensus, and resolving disputes by crafting solutions that address the needs of all the stakeholders involved.

As a law student, Melissa was a member of the Executive Board of the Moot Court Board, and successfully argued in various competitions throughout the country. Following law school, she clerked for not one, but two Pennsylvania Superior Court judges, Justice James J. Fitzgerald, III and President Judge Susan Peikes Gantman for a total of four years. This dual clerkship provided her with an exceptionally thorough grounding in Pennsylvania court procedures and law. As a clerk, Melissa assumed primary research, drafting, and editing responsibilities for memoranda and opinions in various areas of civil and criminal law, including rules of procedure. She also provided decision recommendations to judges for oral argument panels.

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

### **Best Lawyers in America© 2023 Recognizes Obermayer**

August 18, 2022 by Stephen M. Zaffuto, Stephanie Stecklair Tarantino, Shaun Staller, Turner N. Falk, Melissa A. Scacchitti, Kellie A. McGowan, Matthew S. Olesh, Michael A. Thom, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam Tanker, Robert I. Whitelaw, Michael D. Vagnoni, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Lanique A. Roberts, Michelle L. Ringel, Nicholas Poduslenko, Michael S. Pepperman, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Lawrence J. Tabas, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

### **Obermayer Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers in America© 2022 and The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2022**

August 19, 2021 by Stephanie Stecklair Tarantino, Shaun Staller, Melissa A. Scacchitti, Kellie A. McGowan, Matthew S. Olesh, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam Tanker, Robert I. Whitelaw, Michael D. Vagnoni, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Lanique A. Roberts, Michelle L. Ringel, Nicholas Poduslenko, Michael S. Pepperman, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Lawrence J. Tabas, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

### **Our Recognized Best Lawyers in America©**

August 20, 2020 by Shaun Staller, Melissa A. Scacchitti, Kellie A. McGowan, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam Tanker, Robert I. Whitelaw, Michael D. Vagnoni, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Nicholas Poduslenko, Michael S. Pepperman, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Lawrence J. Tabas, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

## ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Melissa was included in Best Lawyers: Ones To Watch lists in 2021 to 2023. The recognition is given to

attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.

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## EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law, JD

University of Scranton, BA

## ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Middle District of Pennsylvania

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## CAPABILITIES

### Litigation

Appellate

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Insurance

### Industry Focus

Individuals & Private Clients

Real Estate & Construction