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OVERVIEW

Melina assists insurance companies in navigating complex coverage-related matters, including first- and third-party cases across various policies such as general liability, errors and omissions, property and casualty, and cyber. She acts as coverage counsel for insurers in evaluating claims under cyber policies.

Melina's background includes internships with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, as well as the Consumer Law Section of the California Office of the Attorney General – Department of Justice.

Melina's publications and presentations on topics such as wire transfer fraud and cybersecurity policies demonstrate her commitment to staying at the forefront of industry developments, helping her clients receive informed and up-to-date counsel.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Data + Privacy
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Privacy + Cyber

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Intern, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

- Intern, Santa Monica City Attorney's Office and the Consumer Law Section of the California Office of the Attorney General – Department of Justice

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, J.D., 2011
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., 2006, English
- Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Pâtisserie and Baking Diploma

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Notable Professional Liability Insurance Decisions of Last Year," Troutman Pepper, February 8, 2024.
- Speaker, "Cyber Security Policies: The Five 'W's' (Who, What, When, Where, Why)," International Association of Insurance Receivers: 2022 Technical Development Series, October 26-28, 2022.
- Speaker, "California BI Disputes and the Role of the Insurance Producer," Locke Lord, July 22, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "2024 D&O and Professional Liability Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 12, 2025.
- Co-author, "The CCPA's 12-Month Look Back Period *May* Extend Beyond That," *Locke Lord*, June 2023.
- Co-author, "WTF?! – Wire Transfer Fraud Coverage Disputes Continue," *Locke Lord*, Spring 2022.
- Author, "Recurring Issues in Wire Transfer Fraud Coverage Disputes," *The Banking Law Journal*, January 2022.
- Author, "WTF?! – Recurring Issues in Wire Transfer Fraud Coverage Disputes," *Locke Lord*, Fall 2021.