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About

Melody Kiella is an experienced litigator specializing in all aspects of complex civil litigation. She represents clients in connection with a broad spectrum of legal matters, including transportation/trucking law, personal injury, premises liability, negligent security, mold damage and exposure, catastrophic injuries, commercial litigation, breach of contract, and general liability. Melody has extensive experience in managing high-volume and high-profile cases from the pre-litigation stages through trial, which experience includes pre-litigation investigations, analysis of potential liability, and providing strategic advice to avoid possible future litigation; pre-litigation settlement negotiations; positioning cases for dismissal on summary judgment through investigation, discovery, depositions, and creative legal arguments and theories; taking and defending depositions of parties, fact witnesses, and expert witnesses; participating in oral argument on motions, including dispositive, discovery, and pre-trial motions; drafting answers, complaints, motions, briefs, motions in limine, and other pleadings filed at all stages of litigation; and coordinating with and using experts.

Melody graduated summa cum laude from Michigan State University College of Law, graduating 13/313 overall, was a Dean King Scholar during her 2nd and 3rd years, acted as a teaching assistant for Contracts I and II, Civil Procedure I and II, and Torts, and was an Editor of the MSU Law Review.

Melody currently serves on her law firm's Diversity Committee, Transportation Industry Committee, Social Committee, and is a Mentor in the Mentor/Mentee Program; serves as Webinar Chair of the DRI Trucking Law Committee; serves as the Publications Chair for DRI For Life; serves as the Vice Chair of the Premises Law Substantive Law Committee to the DRI Retail & Hospitality Committee; serves as the Vice Chair to the Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee of



ABA/TIPS; serves as the Vice Chair to the Women Trial Lawyers General Committee of ABA/TIPS; serves as the Young Lawyer Representative to Women Trial Lawyers Task Force of ABA/TIPS; and serves as the Young Lawyer Representative to the Young Lawyer Standing Committee of ABA/TIPS.

Education

Michigan State University,
College of Law, J.D., *summa
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California State Polytechnic
University, B.A.

Court Admissions

All State and Superior
Courts of Georgia

United States District Court,
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