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Melissa is a member of the Professional Liability Department where she concentrates her practice on defending claims made and suits brought against a variety of professionals including employers, real estate professionals, corporate officers and directors, as well as public sector entities and businesses.

Prior to joining the firm, Melissa gained experience in labor and employment matters while working for a major national retailer, where she focused on employment discrimination law.

Melissa earned her *juris doctor* from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. During law school, she served as a Senior Editor for the *Northern Kentucky Law Review*. She also was a recipient of numerous academic accolades including the John G. Tomlin Torts Award and the CALI Torts Award.

Before pursuing a legal career, Melissa spent a decade working in museum outreach and education. She holds a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University and is a graduate of Centre College, where she majored in History and minored in Spanish.

A Tennessee native, Melissa enjoys staying active and spending time with her husband and daughter.

Melissa is licensed to practice law in Kentucky, Ohio and the U.S. District Court Southern District of Ohio.

Education

- NKU Salmon P. Chase College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2023)
- Johns Hopkins University (M.A., 2011)

Practices

- Miscellaneous Professional Liability

- Centre College (B.A., 2009)

Admissions

- Ohio, 2023
- Kentucky, 2026
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Ohio, 2026

Associations & Memberships

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association

Community Service

- Meals on Wheels of Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky

Thought Leadership

May 7, 2026

New Ohio Law Targets Real Estate Wholesaling Practices