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About Melanie

Melanie Cockrum is an associate in our San Francisco office and a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. She advises clients on matters in both state and federal courts involving a variety of matters, including product liability, insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and toxic tort claims. She oversees all phases of litigation and alternate dispute resolution, including discovery, dispositive and pre-trial motions, and is particularly skilled in legal research and writing, as well as discovery and pre-trial proceedings.

She also maintains a broad *pro bono* practice, including criminal justice reform and copyright infringement matters.

Melanie graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law and received a certificate in Alternate Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. She graduated *magna cum laude* from California Lutheran University, where she obtained her undergraduate degree in Psychology with an emphasis in Criminal and Legal Applications.

Experience

- Successfully defends companies and organizations involved in the design, development, manufacturing and selling of motor vehicles against claims filed under state and federal consumer protection statutes.
- Represented two multinational insurers as California litigation counsel and West Coast regional litigation counsel for COVID-19-related litigation.
- Prepared successful motions to dismiss COVID-19 related coverage actions, resulting in dismissals that have been affirmed on appeal by the Ninth Circuit.

Credentials

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law, J.D., 2018
- California Lutheran University, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2015

Admissions

- California, 2018

Courts

- U.S. Dist. Ct., E. Dist. of California, 2026
- U.S. Dist. Ct., C. Dist. of California, 2020
- U.S. Dist. Ct., N. Dist. of California, 2020
- U.S. Dist. Ct., S. Dist. of California, 2024
- U.S. Ct. of App., Ninth Circuit

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member, Psi Chi
- Member, Phi Delta Phi

Expertise

Services

- Litigation

Publications

- Co-author *Bad Faith is Fairly Debatable*, American College of Coverage Counsel, September 2020
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