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Melissa concentrates her practice in all areas of trust and estate law, including trust and estate litigation, estate planning, and trust and estate administration.

Melissa represents individuals and families in designing, implementing and administering complex estate plans to help them achieve their overall wealth transfer objectives. She assists her clients with estate planning, tax planning and business succession planning.

Her practice also extends to representing beneficiaries, individual fiduciaries, corporate fiduciaries and charitable organizations in disputed matters involving estates, trusts, fiduciaries, guardianships and fraudulent transfers.

Melissa has experience advising clients on premarital planning, corporate structures, charitable planning and tax controversies and serves as administrative partner for the Taxation & Wealth Planning Department in the firm's Princeton office.

Services

- Taxation & Wealth Planning
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Trust & Estate Law & Administration
- Federal Estate & Gift Tax Planning

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox, Melissa was an attorney at a New Jersey boutique trusts and estates firm.

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Education

- Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2005)
- Grand Valley State University (B.S., 2001)

Memberships

- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Monmouth Bar Association
- Estate and Financial Planning Council of Central New Jersey
- Mercer County Estate Planning Council

Board of Directors

- Board of Trustees, AMIB Endowment Fund, Inc.

Publications

January 14, 2019

Accessing U.S. Assets of a Decedent Who Was Neither a U.S. Citizen Nor Resident
Tax Notes

December 11, 2018

The Federal Gift (Tax) That Keeps On Giving

Events

July 17-18, 2025

Decanting Demystified

The Westin New York at Times Square

July 20, 2023

Advanced Trusts & Estates: Planning Issues and Problems in Decanting Trusts

March 25, 2021

Role of the Executor

Virtual

March 18, 2021

Role of the Executor

Virtual

October 22, 2020

Role of the Executor

Virtual

January 29, 2020

Role of the Executor

Virtual

November 19, 2019

Estate Planning Strategies to Prevent Litigation

Princeton Innovation Center BioLabs

July 25, 2019

Using Trusts As S Corporation Shareholders

The Westin New York at Times Square

News

August 5, 2020

Law360 Names Attys Who Moved Up The Firm Ranks In Q2

May 20, 2020

On the Move

May 1, 2020

Fox Elevates 20 Attorneys to Partner and Counsel