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PRACTICES

Medical Malpractice Defense

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D., 2024)

University of Michigan – Dearborn (B.A., 2021)

ADMITTED

State Bar of Michigan, 2024

US District Court Western District of Michigan, 2025

US District Court Eastern District of Michigan, 2025

NOTEWORTHY

Top Lawyer, Grand Rapids Magazine, 2025

AFFILIATIONS

Grand Rapids Bar Association

State Bar of Michigan

MSHRM

ATTORNEY

Melissa is an associate attorney who practices in Smith Haughey's Grand Rapids with a focus on Medical Malpractice defense.

Melissa earned her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She is also a graduate of the University of Michigan Dearborn where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

While at Loyola, she served as a Mentor in the Castillo Mentorship Program, Writer/Editor for the Public Interest Law Reporter, and Director of Student Outreach for the Health Law Society.

Prior to joining SHRR, she gained experience working at a personal injury/medical malpractice firm in Chicago, clerked for an academic medical institution, and completed an internship with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

Outside the office, she enjoys kayaking, pickleball, and playing with her munchkin cat. With her college softball experience, she enjoys coaching youth baseball/softball players during the summer season!

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk, Deratany & Kosner, 2021-2022

Summer Law Clerk, University of Michigan Office of General Counsel, 2022-2022

Legal Intern, Illinois Health and Hospital Association, 2024-2024