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Melissa Lorber represents businesses in litigation at both the trial and appellate levels, in state and federal courts. She regularly represents clients before the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Courts of Appeals and has handled appellate matters before the United States Supreme Court as well as the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. As a former newspaper journalist, Melissa employs her writing, research, and investigation skills in advocating for her business clients' interests.

Professional Experience

- Represents clients in appellate matters before the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Courts of Appeals, the United States Supreme Court, and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Develops legal arguments and drafts appellate briefs on wide-ranging issues involved in regulatory and commercial disputes
- Represents clients in all aspects of pretrial preparation as well as in jury and non-jury trials
- Assists trial counsel with complex legal briefing, jury charge preparation, and preservation of error during trial
- Represents clients in responding to inquiries and investigations by state and federal regulatory agencies and the Texas Attorney General

Professional & Community Activities

- State Bar of Texas
 - Court Rules Committee, Chair of Appellate Rules Subcommittee, 2024-25
 - District 9 Grievance Committee, Chair, 2024-25
- Austin Bar Association
 - Civil Appellate Section, Past Chair
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, President Elect, 2024-25
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Foundation, Fellow

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Litigation
- Regulatory Litigation

Awards & Recognitions

- Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice, 2020-present
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Appellate Law, 2014–present
- *Travis County Women Lawyers' Association*, Litigation/Appellate Award—2020
- Rising Star, *Texas Monthly*, 2007–2014

Education

- University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas
 - J.D., 2001, with Honors
 - *The Review of Litigation*, Editor in Chief
 - Women's Law Caucus, President
- University of Houston-Victoria, Victoria, Texas
 - M.B.A., Strategic Management, 2019
- University of Arizona
 - B.A., Journalism and Political Science, 1996, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Northern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas

- The Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court, Member
- Texas Bar College, Member
- Mother Attorney Mentoring Association (MAMAs Austin), Member
- CASA of Travis County Volunteer Advocate (20 years) and Powerful Voice Society Member
- Impact Austin, Grants Leadership Team
- Leadership Austin Emerge Alumni