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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Product Liability
General Liability
Trucking & Transportation Liability
Public Entity and Civil Rights Litigation

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ADMISSIONS

New York
2014

Pennsylvania
2014

U.S. District Court Eastern
District of Pennsylvania
2016

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania
Law School (J.D., 2013)

University of Pennsylvania
(B.A., *summa cum laude*,
2008)

OVERVIEW

Melanie is an associate in the Casualty Department, where she defends insured and self-insured entities against claims in state and federal court. She focuses her practice on litigation related to product liability, premises and municipal liability, and commercial transportation. Melanie has served as lead trial counsel and as second chair in multiple civil litigations. Melanie is also responsible for taking depositions, making oral arguments before the Court, and drafting pleadings and motions, having successfully obtained final adjudication via the summary judgment phase.

Prior to joining the firm, Melanie served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Annette M. Rizzo in the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas. During her tenure, Melanie drafted judicial opinions and conducted pre-trial conferences by mediating between parties to settle cases and ensure cases were trial-ready.

Melanie is very involved in the Philadelphia legal community. She is currently an Executive Committee member of the Community Legal Services Board, serving as Co-Chair of the Nominations Committee. She is also the Treasurer of the Temple American Inn of Court. She is a former member of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Young Lawyers' Division Executive Committee. She currently serves as a member of the Association's Large Firm Associates' Committee. Melanie is the Founder and Chair of Justice Rising, a young professionals organization associated with Community Legal Services dedicated to access to justice.

Melanie also volunteers her time with the women's collective giving organization, Impact100 Philadelphia, and the University of Pennsylvania's Alumni Interview Program, serving as Co-Chair of the Philadelphia region's interviewing of prospective undergraduates.

Melanie is a two-time graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, earning her Bachelor of Arts in 2008 *summa cum laude* and her *juris doctor* in 2013. She is barred in Pennsylvania and New York.

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
2021-Present

2019 Craig M. Perry Service Award, Philadelphia Bar Association

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Community Legal Services, Board Member and Leadership Council Member

Impact100 Philadelphia, Young Philanthropist

Justice Rising Advocates, Community Legal Services, Founding Chair, 2017

Philadelphia Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, Large Firm Associates' Committee Member

Temple American Inn of Court, Treasurer

University of Pennsylvania Alumni Interviewing Co-Chair, Philadelphia Region

YEAR JOINED

2015

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Three Marshall Dennehey Attorneys Selected 2022 “Lawyers of the Year” and 67 Attorneys Recognized Overall in the 2022 Editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®

August 19, 2021

Marshall Dennehey is proud to announce that three of the firm’s attorneys have been selected 2022 “Lawyers of the Year” and 67 attorneys have been recognized overall in the 2022 Editions of The Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Wa
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Melanie J. Foreman Elected to the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association

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December 18, 2020
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Conflicting Opinions on Personal Injury Jurisdiction Over Foreign Corporations Linger

Philadelphia - Headquarters
Product Liability
November 3, 2020

Melanie Foreman Receives 2019 Craig M. Perry Service Award From the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division

Product Liability
Trucking & Transportation Liability
November 14, 2019

Melanie J. Foreman, associate in the Philadelphia office of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, is the 2019 recipient of the Craig M. Perry Service Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division (YLD). Ms.
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The Fight to Stop Predatory Lending in Pennsylvania

Philadelphia - Headquarters
Commercial Litigation
October 24, 2019

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Conflicting Opinions on Personal Injury Jurisdiction Over Foreign Corporations Linger in Pa.," *The Legal Intelligencer*, Personal Injury Supplement, November 2020

"The Fight to Stop Predatory Lending in Pennsylvania," co-author, *The Legal Intelligencer*, October 24, 2019

"Endless Statute of Limitations For Uninsured Motorist Claims In Pennsylvania?," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 24, No. 1, March 2018

"Young Professionals and Community Legal Services Partner Up," co-author, *The Legal Intelligencer*, January 24, 2017

"When Targeted Killing Is Not Permissible: An Evaluation of Targeted Killing Under the Laws of War and Morality," *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*, January 2013

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Negligence 101 - A Pennsylvania and Florida Legal Overview, Marshall Dennehey Client Presentation, December 15, 2020

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Community Legal Services Leadership Council

Justice Rising, Founder and Chair, Philadelphia, PA