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Industries & Expertise

EXPERTISE

Commercial Litigation

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Alberta, 2015

EDUCATION

- J.D. (with distinction), University of Alberta, 2014
- B.Comm. (with distinction), University of Alberta, 2010

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Melissa Preston runs a civil and commercial litigation practice, focusing primarily on shareholder disputes, professional liability, and general commercial/contractual disputes of all types. Melissa also has experience in municipal, employment, securities, and estate litigation matters. She assists a wide variety of clients, ranging from individual shareholders and directors of small family-run companies to large construction companies

and insurers. With a keen eye for detail and a practical approach, Melissa aims for efficient and effective results for her clients while navigating complex legal terrain.

Melissa regularly volunteers her time to legal and charitable initiatives in the Edmonton community. She currently serves as the Chair of the Edmonton office's Student Hiring Committee, and enjoys meeting bright legal minds and building Miller Thomson's talented and diverse team of lawyers.

A dedicated legal professional, Melissa is an active member of the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association, serving on the Legislation and Law Reform Committee (North). Her academic achievements include prestigious accolades such as receiving the Judges' Bronze Medal in Law and clerking with the Alberta Court of King's Bench.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- Recipient, Judges' Bronze Medal in Law, University of Alberta, 2014
- Recipient, John E. Brownlee Memorial Prize in Local Government Law, University of Alberta, 2014
- Recipient, Chief Justice S. Bruce Smith Prize for achieving highest standing in first year law, University of Alberta, 2012
- Recipient, The Blake, Cassels and Graydon Second Year Scholarship, University of Alberta, 2012
- Recipient, The Dr. Alexander Smith, Q.C. Prize in the Subject of Contract, University of Alberta, 2012

Thought leadership

- Presenter, "Smartphone Applications for Family Law," Alberta Law Conference, 2015

Community roles

- Volunteer, Civil Claims Duty Counsel, 2015-present
- Volunteer, Queen's Bench Amicus Program, 2015-present
- Volunteer, Student Legal Services Civil Division, 2011-2012

Memberships & affiliations

- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Canadian Bar Association