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SERVICES

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Melissa Martinez is a member of the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice in the firm's Philadelphia office. She focuses her practice on a broad range of commercial bankruptcy, workout and restructuring matters in which she represents a variety of parties, including debtors, creditors' committees, trustees, unsecured creditors, landlords and contract parties.

Melissa brings an understanding of the intersection of legal and business issues to her practice from her educational background. She holds both a J.D. from the Rutgers School of Law and a master's degree in business administration from the Rutgers School of Business. While earning her dual degrees, she was a summer associate at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr and an intern in the in-house legal department for a Fortune 100 energy company.

HONORS

Named one of The Legal Intelligencer's Lawyers on the Fast Track, 2020

Named one of the Hispanic National Bar Association's "Top Lawyers Under 40," 2020

Named to the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars" List for Bankruptcy, 2019

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

President, The Hispanic Bar Association of PA Legal Education Fund, 2020

Rutgers School of Law

- Steering Committee, Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project

- Mentor, Minority Student Program (MSP)

Committee Member, TMA Network of Women-Philadelphia (TMA NOW), Turnaround Management Association

Board Member, Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania

Board Member, Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project of Philadelphia

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee Member (Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania Liaison), Philadelphia Bar Association

Member, New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Advisory Committee

EDUCATION

J.D., Rutgers School of Law, 2016

- Executive Editor, *Rutgers Journal of Law & Public Policy*
- Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project
- Mediation Project
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
- Hunter Moot Court Semi-Finalist (2013-2014)
- Hunter Moot Court Teaching Assistant (2014-2015)
- Horace and Kate Wu Pro Bono Award
- Honorable Judith J. Wizmur Bankruptcy Pro Bono Award

MBA, *summa cum laude*, Rutgers School of Business, 2016

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Villanova University School of Business, 2012

BAR ADMISSION

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

FIRM INVOLVEMENT

Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Member, Associates Committee, 2018 to 2019