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PRACTICES

- Business Litigation
- Electronic Discovery

AFFILIATIONS

- Trial Bar of the Illinois USDC, Northern District

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP
Associate, 2019-Present
- City of Chicago Department of Law Assistant Corporation Counsel, 2015-2019
- McDonald's Corporation
Litigation Consultant Counsel,
January 2014-December 2015
- City of Chicago Department of Law University of Illinois College of Law Prosecutorial Fellow, August 2013-January 2014

Melissa Gold is an experienced litigator who assists a diverse range of clients in all aspects of state and federal litigation. Melissa approaches every matter with an in-house lawyer's efficiency and a prosecutor's passion.

At Thompson Coburn, Melissa has played a key role in matters involving internal investigations, regulatory compliance, contract disputes, shareholder disputes, consumer class actions, constitutional litigation, and complex commercial litigation. She also serves as a contributor of the Firm's Food Fight blog, which is dedicated to delivering relevant industry insights and timely legal updates to food and beverage industry stakeholders. You can check out Food Fight here: <https://www.thompsoncoburn.com/insights/blogs/food-fight>.

Before joining Thompson Coburn, Melissa was an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago. As an ACC, Melissa defended against federal civil rights and state law lawsuits where she tried several jury trials and served as lead counsel in over 100 depositions. She also worked in-house at McDonald's Corporation where she consulted on domestic commercial litigation and served on e-discovery teams to support internal investigations. As a prosecutor, Melissa tried over 180 cases on behalf of the City of Chicago.

In law school, Melissa was an Editor of the Frederick Green Moot Court Illinois Team and managed litigation matters as a 711 licensed law student in the Civil Litigation Clinic. Melissa also served as a legal extern for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, a judicial extern for Justice Robert E. Gordon of the First District Illinois Appellate Court, and a judicial extern for Judge Alfred L. Levinson of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Before law school, Melissa worked as a congressional intern for then U.S. Senator Barack Obama.

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., 2013
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A., 2010

COMMUNITY

- Lincoln Park Zoo Auxiliary Board, Member, 2015-Present, Vice President, 2021- Present, Nominating & Governance Committee Member, 2019-Present, Executive Board Member, Board Events, 2018-2019
- Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, Young Leadership Division Board, Member, 2021-Present, Young Lawyers Group, Committee Member, 2013-Present
- Public Interest Law Initiative, Young Professional Board Member, 2020-Present
- University of Illinois Marching Illini, Alumni Color Guard, 2010-Present
- University of Illinois College of Law Alumni Board, Board Member, 2015-2017
- Decalogue Society of Lawyers, Board of Managers, Board Member, 2013-2020

Admissions

- Illinois
- Illinois USDC, Northern District

Industries

- State & Local Government
- Financial Services
- Agriculture & Food
- Manufacturing

Recognitions

- Listed in "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Commercial Litigation in Illinois, 2022 (by BL Rankings)
- Included in Super Lawyers Rising Stars List (by Thomson Reuters), 2021
- Oy!Chicago's 36 Under 36 List, 2020

Presentations

- Food & Beverage Consumer Labeling Litigation American Agricultural Law Association CLE Webinar April 2021