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Melanie Assad is an attorney with the firm's General Litigation practice group and is based in the firm's Grand Rapids office where she handles a wide range of insurance defense matters, as well as other civil litigation cases.

She drafts answers to discovery requests, motions, attends court hearings, takes depositions and will handle all aspects of the litigation process. In her practice, she:

- Handles and defends high-volume caseload, including PIP, third-party bodily injury, and UM/UIM cases.
- Handles premises liability and products liability cases.
- Appears at facilitation, settlement conferences, and motion hearings.
- Conducts legal research, draft motions, pleadings, discovery requests and responses, deposition summaries, reports, and correspondence.

Melanie earned her juris doctorate from the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law in 2022. While there, her law review article "*Van Buren v. United States: An Employer Defeat or Hackers' Victory – Or Something in Between?*" was published in the UIC Review of Intellectual Property Law. Prior to law school, Melanie received her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University.

Outside the practice of law, Melanie loves hiking, traveling, and spending time with her two huskies.

PRACTICE AREAS

General & Commercial Litigation
Insurance Defense
Insurance Law
No-Fault Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, J.D., 2022
Michigan State University, B.A. Criminal Justice, 2019

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Ingham County Bar Association
Western District of Michigan
Grand Rapids Bar Association
State Bar of Michigan



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Updates on the Tort Threshold in Third Party Bodily Injury Cases, *Insurance Alliance of Michigan ("IAM") Claims Conference*, September 2023

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Legal Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
 - Member
 - Litigation Section Governing Council
 - Ingham County Bar of Michigan
 - Member
 - Western District of Michigan
 - Member
 - Grand Rapids Bar Association
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