

Melissa Giangrande Jacobs

Associate

Washington, D.C.

Biography

Melissa is the Associate in charge of the firm's U.S. Pro Bono practice. In this role, she maintains a full-time docket of pro bono cases and helps oversee and facilitate pro bono matters across the firm's 15 U.S. offices. She focuses primarily on civil rights and criminal justice matters.

Prior to being selected as the Pro Bono Associate, Melissa focused her practice on complex government and internal investigations.

Her experience includes representing clients in matters related to the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Senate Finance Committee, and various state attorneys general.

Melissa's practice includes regularly appearing in court on behalf of survivors of violent crimes and children caught in contentious custody battles. Highlighting injustices plaguing the criminal justice system, she has also co-authored numerous amicus curiae briefs in federal appellate courts and the United States Supreme Court. Melissa was named the 2022 "Volunteer of the Year" by the D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project and 2023 "Pro Bono Trailblazer" for her work litigating on behalf of pro bono clients.

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Melissa served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Deborah K. Chasanow of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. During law school, Melissa worked at the U.S. Department of Justice Computer Crime and



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Practices

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Banking and Finance Litigation

Climate Change

Commercial Litigation

Financial Services

Litigation Services

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Financial Institutions

Aerospace and Defense

Consumer

Technology and Telecoms

Intellectual Property Section and served as a judicial extern in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Before law school, she served as a legal analyst at Goldman Sachs.

Awards and rankings

- D.C. Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll - High Honor Roll, *D.C. Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll*, 2021
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Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells names new Pro Bono Associate, Melissa Giangrande Jacobs, affirms commitment to humanitarian assistance
- Insights and Analysis
 - Reshaping the Enforcement Landscape: Karl Racine hosts panel on State AGs' FCA powers
- News
 - Key takeaways from the 40th ACI International Conference on the FCPA
- Insights and Analysis
 - Five years after they were separated at the border, families are still waiting for justice
- Press releases
 - RAICES, Hogan Lovells, and Lewis Roca file suit on behalf of families separated twice as part of U.S. threat to asylum rights
- News
 - Corporate crime risk mitigation and the board *Directors & Boards*

Insurance

Areas of focus

Government Investigations
State Attorneys General
Congressional Investigations
Agency Investigations
Bribery and Corruption
COVID-19 U.S. Government Legislation
False Claims Act and Qui Tam Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Stanford Law School, 2020
B.S., Cornell University, 2016

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia
New York
New Jersey

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

New York State Appellate Division
Third Department

U.S. District Court, District of New
Jersey
