



ASSOCIATE  
**Melanie T. Camara**



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Melanie Camara unites unparalleled expertise in insurance defense with a client-centric approach.

A seasoned professional in insurance defense, she's steered over 100 trials to successful outcomes while maintaining a laser focus on her clients' objectives. A key member of Zausmer's insurance defense team, Melanie Camara leverages her extensive experience and unshakeable confidence to defend negligence and first-party PIP claims. In her legal practice, she deciphers the intricacies of each case to formulate successful strategies aligned with her clients' objectives.

A veteran of the legal landscape, Melanie boasts over 30 years of experience in insurance defense. She navigates complex trials with strategic acumen, amplified by an exceptional commitment to direct and transparent communication.

Highly skilled in premises liability, auto negligence, and first-party PIP litigation, her litigation experience spans every stage, from investigation and enforcement to arbitration and appeal.

The legal community has acknowledged Melanie's capabilities with an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. She has also been named a Top Lawyer of Metro Detroit by Detroit Business Magazine and spotlighted by America's Top 100 Attorneys and High Stakes Litigators. Committed to actionable insights and pragmatic solutions, Melanie has handled cases in federal courts across the United States.

Melanie holds a JD, *cum laude*, from Michigan State University College of Law and an LLM in Intellectual Property from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. She stays abreast of legal developments to offer her clients the most current and effective counsel. As a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Melanie's professional affiliations complement her diverse skill set.

When not in the courtroom, Melanie is passionate about spending time at the lake with her family, remodeling her home, and traveling to her husband's homeland of Senegal.

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Insurance Coverage  
Insurance Defense  
Insurance Fraud

**EDUCATION**

**Western Michigan University Cooley Law School,**  
LLM, Intellectual Property, 2008

**Michigan State University College of Law,**  
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 1986

**Davenport University,**  
Bachelor of Science, Business Management,  
*magna cum laude*, 1982

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

**PROFESSIONAL GROUPS**

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)  
Litigation Counsel of America  
Michigan Defense Trial Counsel  
Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association

**HONORS & AWARDS**

America's Top 100 Lawyers – 2017 – 2021  
Lawyers of Distinction – 2013 – present  
America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators – 2018 – 2021  
AV Preeminent Lawyer Peer – Review Rating of 5.0 out of 5.0  
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