



ASSOCIATE

Melissa J. Keyes



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A seasoned litigator with over two decades of courtroom experience, Melissa Keyes brings a prosecutor's precision to insurance litigation—resolving complex disputes through sharp analysis and persuasive advocacy.

Melissa Keyes is an attorney with more than 20 years of litigation experience, now concentrating her practice on insurance litigation. Her approach is rooted in decades spent handling high-stakes criminal cases, where liability, causation, and credibility were at the center of every matter. At Zausmer, she applies this background to efficiently resolve complex claims involving personal injury, property damage, and insurance coverage disputes.

Melissa is a strong communicator who thrives in the courtroom. She is known for her ability to distill complicated facts into clear, persuasive narratives that resonate with jurors and judges. Her natural curiosity strengthens her trial presence and enhances her ability to anticipate and respond to opposing arguments.

Before joining Zausmer, Melissa served in a senior role within a prosecutor's office, where she managed a wide range of cases, including insurance fraud, embezzlement, homicide, and arson. She also led appellate litigation, arguing cases before the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court. Her work included advising specialized investigative units and training law enforcement and legal professionals across the state.

Melissa and husband, David, are dedicated parents to two adult daughters. Outside the office, Melissa enjoys running, yoga, and her two dogs. She values time spent traveling and staying active.

PRACTICE AREA

- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Insurance Defense
- Insurance Fraud

EDUCATION

- Loyola University, Chicago School of Law,**
Juris Doctor

- Indiana University, Bloomington, IN,**
Bachelor of Arts

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Michigan

HONORS & AWARDS

- Prosecution Service Award, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan – 2023
- Meritorious Service Award, Port Huron Police Department – 2021
- Unit Citation Award, Port Huron Police Department – 2013
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- Distinguished Service Award, Port Huron Police Department - 2009
- Prosecutor of the Year, Michigan Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – 2007
- Recognition for Dedication and Outstanding Service to the Fight Against Arson in Michigan, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee - 2007



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