

MELISSA CINTRON

Melissa Cintron is a partner in the Insurance Defense and Corporate and Real Estate practice groups at Harrington Ocko & Monk. Melissa has extensive experience defending both for profit and not-for-profit businesses, educational institutions and municipalities against a wide variety of civil matters, including alleged civil rights violations, unlawful discrimination claims, claims of negligent hiring, retention and supervision, premises liability, sports injury, as well as complex construction and labor law claims. Melissa also provides general employment and corporate advice and services to closely held businesses, routinely drafting operating agreements and shareholder agreements and preparing and negotiating employment agreements, non-compete and non-solicitations agreements, service agreements and other business contracts. She has represented buyers and sellers in multiple complex business transactions, including, but not limited to, stock and assets sales and mergers and acquisitions. She also represents buyers, sellers, lessors and lessees in commercial real estate transactions, drafting contracts of sale, leases, lease extensions, and assignment and assumption agreements.

When not practicing law, Melissa spends time volunteering with Girls Scouts of the Hudson, her Church and her children's elementary school. She avidly pursues mentoring opportunities, with recurring engagements as a speaker for a not-for profit organization whose mission is to expose inner city young women to the legal profession and civic leadership.

Representative Matters:

- Represented regional insurance brokerage business seller in a multi-million dollar stock sale of insurance agency business.
- Represented purchaser in a multi-million dollar acquisition of a winery and vineyards in receivership.
- Represented regional insurance brokerage business purchaser in multi-million dollar acquisitions of other insurance agency businesses.
- Represented seller in the assets sale of a dry cleaning business.
- Represented the owner/landlord of commercial property in Rye Brook, New York, in drafting and negotiations of commercial leases and extensions, including long term lease for well-known hospital in Tri-State area.
- Represented a local college as landlord in the negotiation of long term commercial lease with a privately owned restaurant business for ground floor space in a new construction dormitory building.
- Represented health care business in the drafting and negotiation of software development and licensing agreements; sales marketing agreements; confidentiality and non-compete agreements.
- Represented a local university in the sale of its Westchester County campus and as lessee in negotiations for a long term lease for new campus facility.
- Successfully defended a university against claims brought before various tribunals including NYS Division of Human Rights, NYC Commission on Human Rights and the US Office of Civil Rights alleging unlawful discrimination on the basis of disability, race and marital status.
- Secured summary dismissal of a not for profit foster care contractor and the City of New York in a sexual abuse claim asserted by a foster child.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Civil Litigation

Discrimination Matters

Estate Administration

Commercial Real Estate

Corporate Transactions

EDUCATION

St. John's University School of Law,
Jamaica, NY
» J.D. - 1998

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
» B.A. - 1993
» Major: Psychology

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

Connecticut

U.S. District Court Southern District
of New York

U.S. District Court Eastern District of
New York

Published Works:

- Potential Ethical Dilemmas Facing Defense Counsel in the Tripartite Relationships, The Journal of the Defense Association of New York, Spring 2010.

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