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Melissa Quintana is a senior associate with Alston & Bird's Litigation & Trial Practice Group. She represents clients in complex commercial litigation, with experience in consumer class actions, insurance, and the industrial and manufacturing sector in state and federal court. Melissa's international arbitration practice includes commercial and treaty-based disputes, with experience representing clients in ICC and UNCITRAL international arbitrations seated in Europe. She has experience arguing in federal court, drafting substantive trial motions and appellate briefs, and has defended clients against civil litigation and investigations. Melissa was recognized in the 2023 and 2024 "Ones to Watch" lists by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for her work in commercial litigation.

Melissa earned her J.D. from New York University, where she was a Dean's Scholar and served as executive editor of the *New York University Journal of Legislation & Public Policy* and co-president of the NYU Latinx Law Students Association. During law school, Melissa served as conference chair for the National Latina/o Law Student Association. Melissa also externed for the Hon. Judge Lohier of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York.

Melissa attended Columbia University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in political science as a Kluge Scholar. She served as an intern at the U.S. Department of State.

Representative Experience

Class Actions

- Obtained the dismissal of a total-loss claims auto policyholder putative class action in Georgia.
- Argued and obtained dismissal of a \$5 million auto policyholder putative class action in Georgia.
- Obtained the dismissal of a COVID-19 auto premium refund policyholder putative class action in Nevada.
- Represented national insurance carriers in COVID-19 auto premium refund policyholder putative class actions in California.
- Obtained summary judgment in a federal putative policyholder business interruption (BI) class action which resulted in the first written decision in the industry where an insurer prevailed on a COVID-19 BI claim.

International Arbitration

- Obtained an award in favor of an industrial company in an ICC arbitration relating to an investment in North Africa.

- Represented an industrials company in an UNCITRAL arbitration involving the violation of an international bilateral investment treaty.

Complex Commercial Litigation

- Represented a major chemical company in mass toxic tort action.
- Advised corporate, manufacturing, and commercial clients on questions related to legal and operational restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic.
- Obtained a dismissal for publicly traded client in a negligence action arising from shooting at a hospital.

Pro Bono

- Pro bono counsel to Angolan and Cuban citizens appealing their asylum cases at the Eleventh Circuit.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Measuring Hospital Post-Merger Effects: Developing a Standard for Antitrust Analysis,” *N.Y.U. Journal of Legislation & Public Policy*, Vol. 21, No. 4, 2019.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Georgia Hispanic Bar Association

Court Admission

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia

Education

- New York University (J.D., 2019)
- Columbia University (B.A., 2016)

Languages

- Spanish
- French

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia