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Areas of Concentration

- Real Estate
- Corporate and Securities
- Banking, Lending & Financial Institutions
- Estate Planning, Probate & Asset Protection
- Litigation - Commercial

Education

American University Washington
College of Law
Juris Doctor
cum laude

American University School of
International Service
Master of Arts – International
Relations

University of California, Los Angeles
Bachelor of Arts – Political Science
Bachelor of Arts – Anthropology

Admission & Qualifications

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of New York

State Bar of Washington

United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Eastern District of New York

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Melissa Martin is an associate attorney in ScottHulse’s transactional and litigation sections. Ms. Martin is a legal generalist whose practice focuses on real estate, corporate and securities, commercial transactions, probate and estate planning, and business litigation.

Prior to joining ScottHulse, Melissa Martin served as corporate and litigation counsel for a financial investment firm.

Ms. Martin earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence and Master of Arts in International Relations from the American University in Washington, DC. While in law school, she was a judicial extern at the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Melissa Martin was also a member of the National Security Law Brief and researched international and domestic labor laws as a Research Fellow. While pursuing her master’s degree, she served as an Editor of the Journal of International Service.

Ms. Martin attended the University of California, Los Angeles, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Anthropology with a minor in Middle Eastern and North African Studies. As an undergraduate, she was a research assistant for the UCLA Center for Middle East Development and a reporter for *The Daily Bruin*.

Melissa Martin is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Texas Young Lawyers Association, the El Paso Bar Association, and the El Paso Women’s Bar

Association, where she is a mentor to young women looking to go into law school through the

association's MILE program. She is also a board member of the West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Presentations & Publications

- *Emerging Voices Panel: Recent Scholarship on the Theory and Practice of International Law*, Int'l L. Ass'n – Am. Branch Annual Conference (Fordham U. School of Law, New York 2018). Discussed economic risk of unitizing cross-border oil and gas reservoirs given increased use of trade sanctions by the international community.
- *Qatar's Maritime Quagmire: Analysis of South Pars/North Dome Unitization Risk Amidst the Gulf Rift and the Dubious Prospects of Unitization as State Obligation*, 25 ILSA J. of Int'l & Comp. L. 329 (2019).
- *Politically Exempt: Analysis of Turkey's Fethullah Gülen Extradition Request and U.S. Federal Court Application of the Political Offense Exception*, 10 Am. U. Nat'l Security L. Brief 34 (2019).
- Melissa L. Martin et al., War Crimes Research Off. – Am. U. Washington C. of L., Case-Based Reparations at the Central African Republic's Special Criminal Court (2019).
- Melissa L. Martin & Martijn Vermeersch, Syria Just. & Accountability Ctr., *Return Is A Dream: Options for Post-Conflict Property Restitution in Syria* (2018).

Organizations

- Texas Young Lawyers Association
- El Paso Bar Association
- El Paso Women's Bar Association
- West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross – Board member