

## Melissa G. McDavitt

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Melissa McDavitt is a partner in the West Palm office of Conroy Simberg. Melissa practices in the area of general civil litigation with a strong emphasis on personal injury protection (PIP), special investigations unit (SIU) claims, and first party claims. AV-Rated Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell, she has handled and tried numerous cases, including those involving fraud, medical billing, and coverage. Melissa practices before all Florida state courts and is licensed to provide continuing education courses to Florida insurance adjusters. Melissa is also a member of Conroy Simberg's Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

Melissa obtained a juris doctor, *magna cum laude*, from Nova Southeastern University after obtaining a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida. While in law school, Melissa was a teaching assistant for both civil procedure and constitutional law. Additionally, she worked as a research assistant and received the book award in Torts.

Melissa continues to distinguish herself not only by providing clients with exceptional legal counsel, but by standing at the forefront of one of the biggest issues affecting Floridians – insurance fraud. She frequently assists local law enforcement agencies together with Insurance Special Investigative Unit(s) (SIU) to share intelligence and report suspected insurance fraud activity, and communicate directly with the Division of Investigative & Forensic Services (DIFS). Melissa's work in this area has assisted with the arrests and convictions of those who have committed insurance fraud.

Melissa belongs to several professional legal organizations and has contributed to local charities. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build and an avid indoor cyclist. Melissa combines her love of athletics with charitable giving. Melissa has participated in charities rides to benefit the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Maria. Melissa also participates in the Great Cycle Challenge USA, a national Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) fundraising initiative held each year.

### Practice Areas:

- Personal Injury Protection Insurance
- First Party Claims
- Insurance Fraud and Misrepresentation
- General Liability & Casualty
- Automobile Litigation

### Admitted to Practice:

- Florida State Courts, 2007

### Education:

- Nova Southeastern University, Juris Doctorate, *magna cum laude*, 2007
- University of Florida, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration,



## Speaking Engagements:

- "Declaration of War - The Future of PIP - Declaratory Actions, Fees, & Case Law Update," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Webinar, April 2024
- "Code Breaking: Secret Decoder Ring for Medical and PIP Fraud," Co-Presenter, FIFEC Annual Conference, July 2023
- "Mock Trial - A Case of Property Insurance Fraud from Jury Selection to Verdict," Co-Presenter, FIFEC Annual Conference, July 2023
- "Strike First, Strike Hard, No Mercy," Co-Presenter, FIFEC Annual Conference, June 2022
- "PIP Update - 2022," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Webinar, April 2022
- "PIP - The Far Side," Co-Presenter, ConroySimberg Webinar, April 2021
- "PIP Mission Impossible," Co-Presenter, Conroy Simberg Webinar Series, May 2020
- "Still Fighting the Fee Schedule," Conroy Simberg Webinar, November 2019
- "Common PIP and Medical Billing Fraud and Expert Analysis," Co-Presenter, FIFEC Annual Conference, June 2019
- "PIP Games of Courts, Conroy Simberg Webinar Series, April 2019
- "What's The Emergency: Analysis of Emergency Medical Conditions and Detecting Irregularities and/or Fraud in EMC Evaluations," Presenter, South Florida IASIU, March 2019
- "Evolution of EMCs," Co-presenter, Medical Claims Defense Network Conference, March 2019
- "I Always Feel Like Somebody's Watching Me," Co-Presenter, FIFEC Annual Conference, June 2018

## Honors & Awards:

- Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2019
- AV® Preeminent™ rated by *Martindale-Hubbell*
- 2018 Attorney "On the Rise" by the *Daily Business Review*
- South Florida Business & Wealth - 2018 Up & Comers Awards Finalist