

# Melody Demasi

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Melody Demasi focuses her practice on complex torts, including motor carrier and insurance defense.

Melody Demasi focuses her practice on transportation litigation and premises liability. She defends insurance companies, motor carriers, and commercial drivers in catastrophic accidents, and represents business owners and their insurance companies in premises liability cases. Melody is a member of the Firm's 24-Hour Motor Carrier Emergency Response Team, a group of attorneys that provide rapid post-accident response, coordination, intervention, and investigation, whenever and wherever her clients are involved in a collision.

Melody has experience handling appeals, petitions before the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, electric utility line contact/electrocution claims, and representing clients in general business disputes and commercial litigation.

Prior to attending law school, Melody served in the Teach for America corps and taught second grade English language learners.

## Representative Trials

- Defense verdict for a large grocery store chain involving a claim by a customer of racial discrimination.
- Verdict for an architecture company on a breach of contract claim against a customer.
- Verdict for a moving and storage company on a breach of contract claim against a customer.
- Verdict for a homeowner on a breach of contract claim against a contractor.

#### Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in America<sup>™</sup> for Transportation Law (2023, 2024)
- Member State Bar of Georgia
- Member Georgia Defense Lawyer's Association
- Member Transportation Lawyers Association
- Member Baker Donelson's 24-Hour Transportation Emergency Response Team

#### Speaking Engagements

- "LLCs From Start to Finish for Paralegals," National Business Institute (2018)
- Guest Speaker "American Government: Civil Procedure," Georgia State University (2018)
- Instructor Emory University School of Law's Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques (2018)

#### Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2016
  - The Order of Barristers for Excellence in Oral Advocacy and Brief Writing
- University of Kentucky, B.A., 2011 in English, summa cum laude; B.A., 2011 in Political Science, summa cum laude

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### Admissions

- Georgia, 2016
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, 2018
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia, 2019
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia, 2019
- Georgia Court of Appeals, 2020

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