

Melissa Osorio Dibble



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Practice Areas

Estate & Trust Litigation

Admitted

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

Education

Rutgers Law School,
Juris Doctor, May 2010

Bryn Mawr College,
B.A., English Literature and Political Science,
cum laude, May 2005

Melissa Osorio Dibble concentrates her practice in the area of Estate and Trust Litigation in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Melissa has handled all varieties of probate, general equity, and Orphans' Court matters, including, but not limited to accountings, will contests, breach of fiduciary duty actions, trust modifications, and matters involving the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act and the Slayer Statute. Melissa has represented a variety of institutions and individuals, including banks, universities, executors, trustees, beneficiaries of estates and trusts, and intestate heirs.

Melissa regularly speaks on topics regarding estate and trust litigation and has authored articles on the doctrine of writings intended as wills and the Uniform Trust Code.

Melissa obtained her Juris Doctorate in May 2010 from Rutgers University School of Law-Camden. She was the recipient of the Archer Diversity Scholarship during her tenure at Rutgers. During law school, Melissa was the President of the Association for Public Interest Law (APIL); articles editor for the Rutgers Journal of Law & Public Policy; and a member of the Domestic Violence Clinic. During her first year, she received recognition as the Best Appellant Oral Argument in her Legal Analysis Writing & Research course. Melissa was a Marshall Brennan Fellow, teaching Constitutional Law to students at Camden High School.

Prior to joining Archer, Melissa was the law clerk for the Honorable Richard F. Wells in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Camden Vicinage, from 2010-2011. In Spring 2009, she also served as a legal intern to The Honorable Joseph H. Rodriguez of the United States District Court- District of New Jersey.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Vice-Chair, American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
- 2nd Vice President, Estate and Financial Planning Council of Southern New Jersey
- Member of the Inaugural Class of the Mid-Atlantic Fellows Institute of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New Jersey Women Lawyers
- Camden County Bar Association-Probate & Trust Committee
- Burlington County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania State Bar Association

- Philadelphia Bar Association-Probate & Trust Section
- Philadelphia Estate Planning Council-Women's Committee
- Philadelphia Orphan's Court Litigation Committee
- Member of Samaritan's Healthcare & Hospice Planned Giving Committee
- Board Member of Interfaith Caregivers of Haddonfield, NJ, a nonprofit organized to assist seniors with independent living
- Board Member of CONTACT Community Helplines, a nonprofit agency staffed by trained and dedicated volunteers, and supported by the United Way (2013-2016)
- Mock Trial Coach for Paul VI High School (2011-2015)
- Homeless Advocacy Project Volunteer-Pro Bono Representation of Veterans (2011-2015)

Awards and Recognition

- Probate & Property Magazine's Excellence in Writing Award (2014)

Rutgers Camden-Law School:

- Pro Bono Award for Significant Public Service
- The Mary Philbrook Student Public Interest Award
- The National Association of Women Lawyers Award

Articles and Presentations

- Developing Trends in Probate Litigation, *presented to the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey, Surrogates' Section* (August 2020)
- Estate and Trust Fiduciary Litigation: Minimizing and Defending Breach of Duty Claims Webinar (February 27, 2020)
- [Charitable Bequests: How to Make Them Last](#), Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice Website (2017)
- Recent Developments in Trust Law: New Jersey Enacts the Uniform Trust Code, *Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey Connection* (2016)
- Co-Author, What's in a Name: Writings Intended as Wills, *ABA Probate & Property* (2014)
- No Signature Required: NJ Leads the Way with Writings Intended as Wills, *NJ Law Journal* (2013)
- Toss the Blue-Backs and Sealing Wax, Electronic Wills Are Here! Or Are They?, American Bar Association Annual Real Property, Trust & Estate Law National CLE Conference (May 2020)
- [Evidence Issues for Trust & Estate Litigation](#), Camden County Bar Association (2019)
- Wills and Estate Planning Workshop, The Samaritan Center at Voorhees (2019)
- Hot Trends in Estate Litigation, CCBA (2018)
- Fiduciary Litigation Update, Greater Middlesex/Somerset County Estate Planning Council (2018)

- The Final Frontier: Concerns and Considerations of Electronic Wills Seminar, EFPCSNJ (2018)
- [Hot Trends in Estate Litigation; Seven Deadly Claims](#), Archer Annual Estate Litigation Seminar (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Wills Seminar, The Samaritan Center at Voorhees (2017)
- Guardianship Update From The Surrogate's Office, Camden County Bar Association (2017)
- A Case Study on the UTC, Society of Financial Service Professionals (2017)
- Hot Trends in Probate Litigation, Camden County Bar Association Annual Forum (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- What We've Learned So Far Under Uniform Trust Code, Burlington County Bar Association (2016)
- Federal Exception to Probate Litigation, Fiduciary Litigation, Ethics & Malpractice Committee, ABA Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Section