

MELANIE DYKAS

BAR ADMISSIONS

Licensed to practice in Connecticut, 2010; Washington, D.C., 2012; United States District Court, District of Connecticut, 2014; Supreme Court of the United States of America, 2015.

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF LAW, Hartford, CT
J.D., received May 2010

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, Storrs, CT
B.A., in Psychology, received May 2004

EXPERIENCE

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
September 2020 – Present
Predominantly work on policy and legislation.

ROBINSON & COLE LLP
Senior Associate, August 2019 – September 2020
Practice concentrated in complex business litigation.

LOCKE LORD LLP,
Counsel, December 2017 – August 2019
Practice concentrated in consumer finance law and commercial litigation at the state, federal, and arbitration level. Additional experience in insurance defense, telecommunications, and employment.

HALLORAN & SAGE, LLP
Associate, February 2012 – November 2017
Focused on representing national and regional financial institutions. Represented clients in mediations, arbitrations, settlement negotiations, court trials and appeals.

Associations: Connecticut Bar Association: Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Section 2013-2019; House of Delegates, currently serving second term; Legislative Policy and Review Committee; previously on the Executive Committee for Sports and Entertainment Section. Leadership Greater Hartford: Quest (Class of 2015). The Open Hearth, Board Member.

Awards: *Super Lawyers* “Rising Star” (2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020); *Best Lawyers in America*, “Ones to Watch” (2021); *Connecticut Law Tribune* “New Leaders in the Law” Recipient (2015); CBA Vanguard Award (2019); CBA YLS Chair Award (2015-2016); CBA YLS Public Service Award (2014-2015).