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- Harvard Law School – JD
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Melissa Haldorsen is a corporate counsel at General Counsel West, PC, advising healthcare companies in contract negotiations and disputes with insurers and other healthcare organizations. She works with clients to develop best contracting practices and negotiation strategies in support of high profile contracting matters. Melissa also represents clients in acquisitions, with special attention on the contractual implications of entering into transactions.

Prior to joining General Counsel West, Melissa was an associate in litigation with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She represented and advised clients across a wide range of industries (healthcare/pharma, aerospace, entertainment, insurance, technology, real estate) on labor and employment, regulatory, and general litigation matters. She routinely researched and drafted motions and other briefings on complex legal issues in both the pre-trial and appellate contexts. She also managed discovery and document reviews, as well as prepared witnesses for and defended depositions.

Melissa earned her law degree in 2009 from Harvard Law School, where she served as an Executive Editor of the Journal of Law and Public Policy and a Big Sister in the Women's Law Association. She graduated with honors from the University of Florida in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science and elected to Phi

Beta Kappa. At UF, she volunteered as a mentor for public school children through the university's mentoring program.

In her spare time, Melissa enjoys photography, travel, and spending time with family.

She is a member of the California bar, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Central and Southern Districts of California.