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Melia's practice focuses on advising hospitality, travel, liquor and cannabis clients on transactional, regulatory and operational matters.

Melia represents businesses and organizations across the hospitality industry in the negotiation of a wide range of contracts, including group and event sales agreements, vendor services and consulting agreements, sales and marketing agreements, spa and restaurant third-party management agreements, and corporate rate agreements.

Her clients include owners, operators of hotels and resorts, airlines, cruise lines, tour operators and restaurants. She regularly advises her hospitality clients in matters involving general operations, sales and marketing, legal issues and dispute resolution. Melia also assists her firm's nationwide cannabis and alcoholic beverage clients with navigating state licensing issues and regulatory requirements.

Her passion for the hospitality industry traces back to her roots and continues to the present day, with grandparents who were founders and operators of a winery in Oregon's Willamette Valley and great grandparents who were hotel developers in Seattle and Hawaii. She enjoys helping hospitality businesses thrive, as they help enrich people's experiences and lives, by bringing togetherness and exposing people to new cuisines, places and cultures.

Services

Commercial & IP
Transactions
Hospitality, Travel & Tourism
Cannabis
Food & Beverage
Beauty & Wellness
Luxury Law

Admissions

Washington
U.S. District Court, Western
District of Washington
U.S. Bankruptcy Court,
Western District of
Washington

Education

J.D., Seattle University School of Law (*cum laude*)

- *Seattle University Law Review*, Lead Article Editor

B.A., University of Washington, English

Honors & Recognition

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Construction Law, 2023-present

Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers, 2018-present

Professional Activities

King County Bar Association, Construction Law Section, Member

Women Leaders in Construction, Member

News

65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.24

14 Attorneys Named to 2024 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Gant Featured Among Top Attorneys

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.31.24

57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.17.23

13 Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Washington Super Lawyers Lists

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.31.23

12 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2022

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.14.22

Foster Garvey Deepens Hospitality Experience With Addition of Melia A. Preedy

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.7.21

Speaking Engagements

"Legal Essentials for Planners: Negotiating Group Sales Agreements," IMEX America 2024
Speaking Engagement
Las Vegas, NV, 10.7.24

"Evolving Hotel Contracts in Today's World," MPI Oregon Chapter - September Education
Program
Speaking Engagement
Hillsboro, Oregon, 9.19.23

"Associating for Success: A Panel Discussion on the Future of the Association Events Industry,"
2023 WSAE Annual Convention
Speaking Engagement
Suquamish, WA, 6.8.23