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Melissa Lesmes specializes in complex civil litigation in both state and federal courts, with an emphasis on insurance coverage disputes, construction claims and product liability actions. Ms. Lesmes has substantial experience in construction defect litigation, having handled a variety of mold and EIFS claims throughout the United States. She also has substantial experience in complex insurance coverage litigation, especially in claims involving Builders Risk, CGL and other policies. She routinely represents clients in contract negotiations and advises clients concerning insurance and risk management issues that arise outside of litigation. Ms. Lesmes has significant experience litigating matters at the trial and appellate levels, as well as before arbitral tribunals. Ms. Lesmes has been recognized by *Chambers USA* as an outstanding attorney in her field.

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ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
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EDUCATION

William & Mary School of Law
 (JD, 1993). Recipient of the
 Goodwin Scholarship and the R.
 Doll Scholarship

Duke University (AB, 1990), *cum
 laude*

COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland