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Overview

Melia's experience in the hospitality and travel industry centers on guiding clients through the legal and operational challenges of running a modern hospitality business. From advising on emerging regulatory and market challenges to navigating contracts with owners, operators, vendors/subcontractors and regulators, Melia provides strategic insight to help clients navigate the industry's complexities and drive business success.

Melia represents businesses and organizations across the hospitality industry in the negotiation of a wide range of contracts, including:

- Global/master sales agreements and hotel-level sales agreements
- Vendor, concession, catering and distribution contracts
- Corporate rate, gift card and loyalty program agreements
- Consulting, agency, media and influencer agreements
- Spa, retail, food and beverage, and entertainment venue leases/licenses
- Filming, production and creative license agreements
- Resort, destination and mandatory fee compliance
- Procurement and vendor due diligence across goods and services

Melia is a volunteer member of the Washington Hospitality Association's Advisory Network, providing legal insights to members of the association. 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.

Areas of Focus

- [Intellectual Property Licensing & Transactions](#)
- [Food & Beverage](#)
- [Health, Beauty & Wellness](#)
- [High Net Worth & Luxury Law](#)
- [Hospitality, Travel & Tourism](#)

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*
 - Insurance Law, 2026
 - Construction Law, 2023-present
- Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers, 2018-present

Professional Activities

- King County Bar Association, Member
- Washington Hospitality Association, Advisory Network

News & Insights

Blog Posts

[Washington's LCB Clarifies Legality of Producing Delta-9 THC from Hemp-based CBD - What Cannabis Companies Need to Know](#)

[08.12.21](#)

News

[71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trincherro Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.21.25](#)

[19 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to the 2025 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Harris Gant Earns Special Recognition](#)

[08.01.25](#)

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

[08.15.24](#)

[14 Attorneys Named to 2024 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Gant Featured Among Top Attorneys](#)

[07.31.24](#)

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

[08.17.23](#)

[13 Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Washington Super Lawyers Lists](#)

[07.31.23](#)

[12 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2022](#)

[07.14.22](#)

[Foster Garvey Deepens Hospitality Experience With Addition of Melia A. Preedy](#)

[06.07.21](#)

Events

[“Beyond the Fine Print: Negotiating Smarter Group Sales Agreements,” 2026 MPI Cascadia Educational Conference](#)

[02.09-02.11.2026](#)

[“Better Terms, Greater Outcomes: Negotiating Group Sales Agreements in 2025,” IMEX America 2025](#)

[10.06.25](#)

[“Beyond the Fine Print: Negotiating Smarter Group Sales Agreements,” MPI Oregon Chapter – Global Meetings Industry Day](#)

04.03.25

"Legal Essentials for Planners: Negotiating Group Sales Agreements," IMEX America 2024

06.09.26

"Lessons Learned and Current Trends in Group Sales Contractors," MPI Washington Chapter – April Education Program

04.11.24

"Evolving Hotel Contracts in Today's World," MPI Oregon Chapter – September Education Program

09.19.23

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

06.08.23

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