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Melissa Powers advises clients on business transactions, data privacy, and cybersecurity, helping organizations navigate legal risks while aligning with evolving regulatory and operational demands.

Melissa practices general business and transactional law. In her cybersecurity and data privacy practice, Melissa provides strategic counsel to help organizations safeguard sensitive information, manage risk, and comply with industry regulations. She advises on best practices for data collection, sharing, and incident preparedness, and supports clients in responding to cyber incidents. Her experience includes designing and implementing privacy and security programs that align with global regulatory frameworks.

Melissa also works with clients on mergers and acquisitions, assisting with due diligence, data room administration, and the negotiation of deal documents. In her advertising, promotions, and social media practice, she counsels clients on contests and sweepstakes, advertising campaigns, rights of publicity, privacy, trademarks, and intellectual property matters.

Melissa is a member of the Firm's Recruiting Committee.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2018)
 - Executive editor, *Saint Louis University Law Journal*
 - Academic Excellence Awards: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Introduction to Business Entity Taxation
 - Student Bar Association
 - 1843 Scholar; ALI-CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award
- Saint Louis University (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2015)
 - Vice Presidential Scholarship; Dean's List; Pre-Law Scholar; Cook Business Scholar
 - Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
 - Phi Alpha Delta, Pre-Law Fraternity

Services

- Data Protection
- Cyber Liability Insurance
- U.S. State Privacy Laws
- Information Technology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Advertising, Promotions & Social Media
- Intellectual Property
- Design & Luxury
- Alcohol Distribution

- Amicus Curiae, Pre-Law Society

Special Honors

- 2025 Best Attorneys in St. Louis by *Small Business Monthly*
- 2023-2025 *Missouri & Kansas Rising Star®*, noted as an attorney to watch
- 2022 Women's Justice Award, Innovation & Technology category

Legal Background

- Corporate counsel extern, Ameren Corporation (Spring 2018)
- Summer associate, Lewis Rice LLC (2016, 2017)
- Student legal intern, Saint Louis University School of Law Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (Fall 2016)

Professional Affiliations

- Pathfinder, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2025)
- Young Friends of Legal Services, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
- KnowledgeNet Chapter Chair, St. Louis Chapter, International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) (2020-2021)
- Young Privacy Professional Leader, St. Louis Chapter, International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) (2019)
- Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis

Admissions

- Missouri Bar

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Director, Momentum Academy Charter Schools

Firm Committees

- Recruiting Committee

Certifications

- Certified Information Privacy Professional - United States (CIPP/US)