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Business Litigation  
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**Melissa Hazell** received her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, a Quarterfinalist in the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, the Social Chair and an Executive Board Member of the Black Law Students Association and active in the Courtroom Advocacy and Jerome Michael Jury Trial programs. In 2005, she received her B.A. in History from Yale University. Prior to pursuing her law degree, Ms. Hazell worked as an 8th grade teacher in the Baltimore public schools system with the Baltimore City Teaching Residency. Her practice areas include [Business Litigation](#), [Civil Litigation](#), [Employment](#), and [Product Liability](#).

**Educational Background:**

- Columbia University School of Law, 2009 - J.D.
  - Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
  - Black Law Students Association, Social Chair; Executive Board Member
  - Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, Quarterfinalist
  - Courtroom Advocacy Program
  - Jerome Michael Jury Trial Program
- Yale University, 2005 - B.A.
  - Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society)
  - Presidential Public Service Fellowship
  - Kappa Kappa Gamma, President; Vice-President
  - Black Student Alliance at Yale, Publicist; Social Chair; Finance Committee
  - Black Church at Yale, Treasurer; Finance Committee
  - Visions of Virtue, Treasurer; Assistant Coordinator

**Professional Background:**

- Associate, Buist Moore Smythe McGee P.A., 2009-Present

**Professional Organizations:**

- American Bar Association
- South Carolina Bar Association

**Bar Admissions:**

- South Carolina, 2009