

## Melia A. Preedy

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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

### Services

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

### Admissions

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

- 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.

## 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

71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trinchero Named 'Lawyer of the Year'  
8.21.25

19 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to the 2025 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Harris Gant Earns Special Recognition  
*Foster Garvey Newsroom*, 8.1.25

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**

"Beyond the Fine Print: Negotiating Smarter Group Sales Agreements," 2026 MPI Cascadia Educational Conference

Speaking Engagement

Cle Elum, WA, February 9-11, 2026

"Better Terms, Greater Outcomes: Negotiating Group Sales Agreements in 2025," IMEX America 2025

Speaking Engagement

Las Vegas, NV, 10.6.25

"Beyond the Fine Print: Negotiating Smarter Group Sales Agreements," MPI Oregon Chapter - Global Meetings Industry Day

Speaking Engagement

Portland, OR, 4.3.25

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

Speaking Engagement

Las Vegas, NV, 10.7.24

"Lessons Learned and Current Trends in Group Sales Contractors," MPI Washington Chapter -  
April Education Program  
Speaking Engagement  
Seattle, WA, 4.11.24

"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