



## **MELISSA T. BILLIG**

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Melissa T. Billig has an active transactional and litigation practice with a specialization in design and construction law. Melissa represents owners (commercial and residential), developers, architects, engineers, construction managers and contractors in connection with design and construction agreements, access and license agreements, claims and disputes arising out of breach of contract, professional errors and omissions, defective construction, adjacent construction issues and property damage claims, and dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration and litigation. Melissa also provides risk, project management and business counseling.

Melissa has represented clients in conjunction with the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center expansion and renovation, the Governors Island Park Project, the World Trade Center Disaster Site, and in both small- and large-scale condominium developments. She has also represented entertainment industry clients in connection with private residential renovations.

Prior to joining Ingram, Melissa was an associate at Wilson Elser. She was named a “Rising Star” in 2012 and selected as a “Super Lawyer” in 2013 (through current) by New York Metro Super Lawyers Magazine. She has been awarded the AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest attorney rating available. Melissa is highly involved with the Center for Architecture Foundation as a member, board of directors and chair of development committee.

### **Admissions:**

- United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- United States District Court, District of New Jersey
- New York and New Jersey State Bars

### **Education:**

- J.D., Brooklyn Law School
- B.A., State University of New York at Buffalo (*cum laude*)

## **Recent News, Publications and Speaking Engagements**

- The Building Next Door: Establishing Good Relations Between Neighbors  
New York Real Estate Journal
- A Practical, Non-Textbook Guide to Contractual Negotiations  
The Center for Architecture (Seminar)
- Appellate Panel Forces Developer to Pay Up for Lost Terrace  
Ingram Blog
- The Design Professionals Guide to Avoiding Problems, Claims & Disputes  
The Center for Architecture (Seminar)
- Playing Nice with the Neighbors: Dealing with Adjoining Properties during  
Construction  
Anchin's Construction & Development Forum (Workshop)

## **Professional Recognitions**

- "Rising Star" – Super Lawyers Magazine 2012
- "Super Lawyer" – Super Lawyers Magazine 2012-2017

## **Professional Activity, Groups and Associations:**

- Center for Architecture Foundation - Member, Board of Directors; Chair,  
Development Committee; Marketing Committee
- designNYC - Pro Bono Legal Counsel
- Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association
- University at Buffalo Alumni Association