

## Melissa L. Turcios

### Associate

Melissa Turcios advises wireless and cable service providers, communications industry trade associations, media companies, and others regarding regulatory, legislative, and compliance issues. She also supports the firm's growing trademark practice, aiding in the clearance of trade and service marks and the preparation of applications with the USPTO. Ms. Turcios joined Wilkinson Barker Knauer in 2016, after working as a field organizer in key democratic primary states for a presidential campaign. Prior to that, she was a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas C. Miller, presiding judge of the civil division in the New Jersey Superior Court, where she focused on complex civil litigation and administrative appeals.

While in law school, Ms. Turcios served on the Editorial Board for Duke Law and Technology Review and the Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law. She also served as a research assistant for Jerome H. Reichman, Bunyan S. Womble Professor of Law at Duke Law School and noted expert on intellectual property issues. Her legal experience also includes internships with the National Academies of Sciences, where she contributed research and content to reports on privacy and data citation, and the Texas Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, where she counseled clients on trademark issues, copyright protection, corporate formation, and employment issues. Additionally, while a visiting student at Rutgers University School of Law, Ms. Turcios participated in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court. Before law school, Ms. Turcios worked in the media industry for various national publications.

#### ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

2016 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors

Member, Legislative and Policy Affairs Committee, Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Member, Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Member, Alumni Representative Committee, Columbia University in the City of New York

Member, Federal Communications Bar Association

Member, New Jersey Bar Association

Member, New York Bar Association

Member, District of Columbia Bar Association

#### PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS

Co-author, "Let D.C. set its immigration enforcement policy," The Hill (Feb. 23, 2017).

Co-author, "Dirty Dancing with Trademark Rights: How Pop Culture References in Ads Can



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#### BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia (2016)  
New York (2016)  
New Jersey (2014)

#### EDUCATION

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2014  
LL.M., Duke University School of Law, 2015  
B.A., Columbia University in the City of New York, 2010

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative & Court Litigation  
FTC & Consumer Protection  
Media Content & Distribution  
Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity  
Trademarks

Raise Legal Issues,” Broadcast Law Blog (July 25, 2016).

On May 2, 2017, Melissa was a co-presenter on a panel called “Come Have a Seat at the Table: Celebrating Women in the Law” for the Hunterdon County Bar Association in Annandale, NJ.