

LAURA ANN MELIA

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

Offering the following unique qualifications:

- 15 years as an attorney with an emphasis on business law, estate planning and real estate transactions and litigation
- Specific experience with foreclosure proceedings through private practice
- Expert negotiator with a track record of successful settlements and contract negotiations
- Respected contributor on a wide variety of legal issues to multiple professional and charitable organizations
- Superior research and legal brief writing skills, with undergraduate degree in writing
- Hard-working, diligent professional willing to learn new skills and go the extra mile to make a positive contribution
- Member of Maryland State Bar Association (Real Estate Section) and Frederick County Bar Association

CAREER PATH

ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE **Laura A. Melia, P.A.** **2002-Present**

Major Functions: Concentration in business and corporate law, real estate law, and estate planning. Assist land developers with business entity creation, involving title research and clearing, title insurance through First American Title, and settlement services. Prepare loan documentation and settlement assistance for local banks. Initiate foreclosure proceedings. Prepare wills and trusts and administer estates. Prepare financial documentation and business contracts. Conduct collections activities for business clients.

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY **Sauser and Blair, P.A.** **1993-2002**

Major Functions: Legal assistance and counsel in real estate transactions and litigation, estate planning and contract preparation and negotiation.

LAW CLERK **Franch and Jarashow, P.A.** **1990-1993**

Major Functions: Legal research, drafting of pleadings and motions, and preparation of discovery material for insurance defense cases.

INTERN **Honorable Daniel W. Moylan** **1992-1992**

Major Functions: Legal support to judge with responsibility for case administration, legal research, drafting of memoranda and opinions, and review/application of sentencing guidelines.

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR (1992) University of Baltimore – Baltimore, MD

BACHELOR OF ARTS – WRITING/MEDIA (1989) Loyola College – Baltimore, MD

AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

Licensed Title Insurance Carrier
Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County, MD – Corporate Counsel
Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts – Researcher
Frederick Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. – Legislative Chairman/Volunteer (1997-2001)

EXCEPTIONAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST