

## M. TOD MELTON

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*Tod Melton is a trial lawyer licensed in the States of Illinois, Iowa and Mississippi, as well as numerous federal courts. He has achieved record-setting multi-million-dollar verdicts in multiple rural counties, and many more seven-figure settlements in both Illinois and Iowa. A former insurance defense attorney in the 1990's, Mr. Melton also holds two certificates in mediation skills from nationally ranked dispute resolution programs.*

#### EXPERIENCE

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| Melton Law Firm, LLC                                                                                                                                                                    | Rock Falls, Illinois |                     |
| <b>President</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |                      | <b>2017-Present</b> |
| Exclusive trial practice, focused on wrongful death, catastrophic injury and medical malpractice litigation in North-Central Illinois and Eastern Iowa                                  |                      |                     |
| Ludens Potter & Melton                                                                                                                                                                  | Morrison, Illinois   |                     |
| <b>Partner</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |                      | <b>1998-2017</b>    |
| Litigation practice focused on personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, business litigation, insurance coverage and human trafficking                                      |                      |                     |
| Herbolsheimer Lannon Henson Duncan & Reagan                                                                                                                                             | LaSalle, Illinois    |                     |
| <b>Associate Attorney</b>                                                                                                                                                               |                      | <b>1993-1998</b>    |
| Litigation practice focused on defending corporate and insurance interests in product liability cases, construction accidents, motor vehicle collisions and insurance coverage disputes |                      |                     |
| Rushing & Guice                                                                                                                                                                         | Biloxi, Mississippi  |                     |
| <b>Associate Attorney</b>                                                                                                                                                               |                      | <b>1992-1993</b>    |
| Entry level litigation position, focused on commercial litigation and collections                                                                                                       |                      |                     |

#### HONORS

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| • Leading Lawyers                                      | <b>2021, 2023</b>     |
| • William J. Harte Amicus Award                        | <b>2008</b>           |
| • The National Trial Lawyers Top 100                   | <b>2019 – Present</b> |
| • Medical Malpractice Trial Lawyers Top 25             | <b>2020 – Present</b> |
| • Elite Lawyer                                         | <b>2023</b>           |
| • National Association of Distinguished Counsel Top 1% | <b>2023</b>           |

#### PUBLISHED ARTICLE

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| “A Labyrinth in Arthur’s Court”, <b>Trial Journal</b> , Volume 8, No. 2 | <b>2006</b> |
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## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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| United Nations Advocacy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>2022 – Present</b>                                                                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carmelite NGO</b></li> <li>• <b>NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons (CSTIP)</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                  |
| Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>2013 – 2021</b>                                                                               |
| Illinois Trial Lawyers Association                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Legislative Chairman</b></li> <li>• <b>Board of Managers</b></li> <li>• <b>Seminar Committee Chair</b></li> <li>• <b>Board of Advocates</b></li> <li>• <b>Civil Practice and Rules Committee</b></li> </ul> | <b>2007-2012</b><br><b>2006-2012</b><br><b>2005-2012</b><br><b>2005-2006</b><br><b>2001-2005</b> |
| American Association for Justice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |
| Iowa Association for Justice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                  |
| Whiteside County Bar Association                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Secretary</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1998-1999</b>                                                                                 |
| Lee County Bar Association                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                  |
| Rock Island County Bar Association                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                  |
| LaSalle County Bar Association                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                  |
| Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subcommittee on Insurance Coverage Law</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1993-1998</b>                                                                                 |

## EDUCATION

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| Washington and Lee University School of Law                                                                                                                                          |             |
| <b>Juris Doctor</b>                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>1992</b> |
| Awards:                                                                                                                                                                              |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion, Negotiation Competition</li> <li>• Champion, Client Counseling Competition</li> <li>• Finalist, Mock-Trial Competition</li> </ul> |             |
| Northern Illinois University                                                                                                                                                         |             |
| <b>Bachelor of Science</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>1988</b> |
| Major: Marketing    Minor: Philosophy                                                                                                                                                |             |
| Awards:                                                                                                                                                                              |             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College of Business Academic Achievement Award</li> <li>• Marketing Honor Society</li> </ul>                                                |             |

## CERTIFICATES

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| Mitchell Hamline School of Law | Certificate in Mediation Skills | <b>2016</b> |
| Northwestern University        | Certificate in Mediation Skills | <b>2014</b> |