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PRACTICE AREAS

Antitrust

Litigation

EDUCATION

JD, with Honors – The University of Texas School of Law (2013)

BA, summa cum laude – Arizona State University (2010)

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

US District Court District of Columbia

Texas

PROFILE

Melanie Kiser has experience investigating and litigating civil antitrust matters in the telecommunications, media, technology, energy, and health care industries. During her six-year tenure with the US Department of Justice Antitrust Division, Melanie played a key role in numerous significant matters, including the Comcast-Time Warner Cable, Halliburton-Baker Hughes, Anthem-Cigna, AT&T-Time Warner Inc., and T-Mobile-Sprint transactions. Melanie earned four Awards of Distinction for her work at the DOJ and has participated extensively in all phases of merger review and litigation, from taking depositions and negotiating CIDs to drafting recommendations and taking cases to trial. She presented the government's second witness in a major merger trial; led third-party discovery, exhibit admissions/objections, and proposed findings of fact in a successful merger litigation; and negotiated remedies in several matters. Since joining Axinn, Melanie has represented clients before the federal agencies, obtaining approval of several significant transactions, and counseled clients on a range of competition law issues.

In her volunteer work, Melanie leads the Talk Saves Lives education program for the D.C.-area chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and serves as a crisis counselor for Crisis Text Line.

Melanie was a law clerk to the Antitrust Section of the Texas Attorney General's office before joining the DOJ. She received her JD from The University of Texas School of Law, where she was a member of the Texas Law Review and research assistant to Professor Robert Prentice in the McCombs School of Business. She also holds a BA in Journalism and Mass Communications from Arizona State University.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law
- National LGBT Bar Association

EXPERIENCE

- Counsel for the Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies in a treble-damages antitrust action alleging a conspiracy to prevent PharmacyChecker.com from accessing internet platforms.
- Represented Sunrun in its \$3.2 billion acquisition of Vivint Solar, securing clearance without a Second Request investigation.
- Counseled and represented Stone Point Capital and Mitchell | Genex in DOJ review and clearance of the acquisition of Coventry's Workers' Comp Services.
- Counseled and represented Centerbridge Partners and KIK Custom Products in the DOJ review and clearance of the sale of KIK Personal Care to its competitor, Voyant Beauty, a portfolio company of Wind Point Partners.
- Negotiated a favorable settlement and dismissal of several copyright infringement matters for a pro bono client in the Eastern District of Virginia.

HONORS

- *Best Lawyers* "Ones to Watch" (2022)
- US Department of Justice Antitrust Division, Award of Distinction (2016 – 2019)
- Texas Law Review New Member of the Year (Volume 91)

