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Melissa Ryan recently joined the law firm as an Associate Attorney assigned to the Fairfax, Virginia office.

She is a native of Northern Virginia where she completed her undergraduate studies at George Mason University. She graduated *summa cum laude* in 2012 with a B.S. in Criminology, Law and Society and a Minor in Sociology. While at George Mason, she earned the honor of Outstanding Undergraduate Student and was a Golden Key International Honour Society Member. Subsequently, she earned her J.D. from William & Mary Law School in 2016. While at William & Mary, she served as a Summer Law Clerk to the Honorable Constance H. Frogale, Chief Judge of the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and co-authored the published paper "*Gender, Race, and Inequality in Higher Education: An Intersectional Analysis of Faulty-Student Undergraduate Research Pairs at a Diverse University*" 22 (3-4) *Race, Gender & Class* 7 (2015).

Prior to joining DeCaro Doran, Melissa was an attorney for GEICO Staff Counsel where she gained significant litigation and trial experience.

Melissa resides with her husband in Fairfax, Virginia.

Memberships

- Virginia State Bar Association
- Fairfax County Bar Association

Practice Areas

- Insurance Defense Litigation

Education

- George Mason University (B.S. *summa cum laude*, Criminology, Law and Society; Sociology, Minor, 2012)
- William & Mary Law School (J.D., 2016)
- Summer Law Clerk to the Honorable Constance H. Frogale, Chief Judge, District Court of Alexandria (2015)

Admitted to Practice

- 2016, Virginia