

## Donna Melby



Donna Melby is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, International Society of Barristers, Litigation Counsel of America and the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She has successfully tried multiple cases to jury verdict in state and federal courts across the country, international and domestic arbitrations, and court trials across a broad range of complex civil and employment-related cases. Her practice includes class and individual actions, employee mobility, whistleblower, race discrimination and all discrimination matters, sexual harassment, hostile work environment, contract, conspiracy, Equal Pay Act and complex business litigation of all types. Her caseload includes “MeToo” threatened litigation involving CEOs, general counsels, executives and law firm partners. For 10 years she served as co-chair of the Paul Hastings Employment Law practice in Los Angeles, as chair of the firm’s Women’s Initiative and as chair of Global Diversity. Paul Hastings’ Employment Law practice has been named Labor & Employment Litigation Firm of the Year by *The American Lawyer*.

Ms. Melby recently completed a three-year term as a member of the California Judicial Council, the policy-making body of the California Judiciary, the largest in the United States. She served as the only lawyer on the California Judicial Council’s Executive and Planning Committee, Litigation Management Committee, PCLC and other committees. Immediately prior to service on the California Judicial Council, she served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts for six years, followed by three years as co-chair of the National Lawyers Committee for the National Center. She is the sole California lawyer to serve by appointment of the Conference of Chief Justices on the Civil Justice Initiative Project (CJI), a national initiative focused on improving the delivery of justice in the civil courts across the United States. CJI authored “A Call to Action,” a white paper approved by the Conference of Chief Justices in 2016.

Ms. Melby is former national president, national vice president and national president-elect of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the first woman elected to serve. She is a past trustee of the ABOTA Foundation and the first female president, vice president, and president-elect of the Los Angeles Chapter of ABOTA.