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Melissa Gardner is a partner in Lieff Cabraser's San Francisco office. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Melissa was a semi-finalist in the Harvard Ames Moot Court Competition, as well as a Student Attorney with the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project and South Brooklyn Legal Services.

Prior to joining Lieff Cabraser, Melissa worked at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady, and also worked as a law clerk with South Brooklyn Legal Services, where she assisted with the Workers' Rights and Government Benefits Unit.

Melissa served in the United States Peace Corps from 2005 to 2008, where she taught college students at Gansu Forestry College in Tianshui, China.

## Areas of Practice

Consumer Protection, Cybersecurity & Data Privacy, Personal Injury & Mass Torts

## Education

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
J.D. - 2011

Law Journal: Harvard International Journal, Member

Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington  
B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) - 2005

## Bar Admissions

California, 2013

New York, 2013

U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 2016

U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2019

U.S. District Court Northern District of California, 2013

## Professional Associations and Memberships

American Association for Justice  
American Bar Association  
Bar Association of San Francisco  
California Women Lawyers, District Governor (2018-present)  
Consumer Attorneys of California, Leadership Academy (2019)  
Ms. JD, Board of Directors (2015-2018)  
State Bar of New York  
State Bar of California

## Published Works & Appearances

Speaker, "How the CCPA Relates to Other Existing Laws," Bar Association of San Francisco Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Conference, November 2020  
Co-Author, "Play Ball: Potential Private Rights of Action Emerging From the FIFA Corruption Scandal," 11 Business Torts & RICO News, Summer 2015

## Honors and Awards

"Ones to Watch," Best Lawyers, 2021  
"Rising Star for Northern California," Super Lawyers, 2017 - 2020

## Past Employment Positions

Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady, 2012  
South Brooklyn Legal Services, 2011 - 2012  
Peace Corps Volunteer, China, 2005 - 2008