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Melanie Westover Yanez is special counsel in the Washington, DC office and a member of the firm's Litigation & Arbitration Group.

## Primary Focus & Experience

Ms. Yanez represents clients in federal and state courts in complex commercial litigation and financial restructuring litigation. Ms. Yanez has experience defending clients in individual and class action cases involving antitrust, securities, and commodities issues. She also has experience representing creditors' committees, litigation trustees, equity holders, and other entities in financial restructuring matters, particularly regarding fraudulent and preferential transfer claims and breach of fiduciary cases.

Ms. Yanez also has represented clients in sensitive investigations regarding a variety of matters including antitrust, market manipulation, and rules violations. She has advised clients on internal investigations as well as regulatory and governmental investigations involving, among other US and foreign authorities, the US Department of Justice, the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the US Securities and Exchange Commission, and the US Internal Revenue Service. Ms. Yanez also has represented self-regulatory organizations in disciplinary matters.

Ms. Yanez has been a speaker at Harvard Law School programs. Ms. Yanez also has been a presenter in numerous training programs for incoming and developing Milbank associates.

## Recognition & Accomplishments

Ms. Yanez received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Maryland and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2004

University of Maryland, B.A., 2000

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court for the Eastern District of New York

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EXPERIENCE

| General Commercial Litigation | Litigation & Arbitration | United States |
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