



## Melissa A. Dearing

Melissa A. Dearing practices in the areas of employment and immigration law.

### Representative Experience

- Coffman Coleman Andrews & Grogan, Jacksonville, FL  
Shareholder, 1999-2007

### Presentations and Publications

#### Presentations

- "Hot Topics In Immigration," October 30, 2007

#### Publications

- "Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow: Retaining Foreign National Employees,"  
Co-Authored with Eugenia H. Donahoo, *Jacksonville Lawyer Magazine*, 2006

### Professional Affiliations

- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- The Chester Bedell American Inn of Court
- Federal Bar Association
- The Florida Bar
- Jacksonville Bar Association: Co-Chair, Labor & Employment Law Section



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### Practice Areas

Employment Law  
ERISA and Employee Benefits  
Litigation  
Immigration

### Industries

Hospitality

### Education

J.D., With Honors, University of Florida  
Levin College of Law, 1998  
B.A., With Honors, University of  
Florida, 1995

### Bar Admissions

Florida

### Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Middle District of  
Florida  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of  
Florida  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of  
Florida