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Melissa is a leading practitioner in Indonesia's corporate and transactional market. She was named Indonesia Woman Lawyer of the Year 2025 at the ALB Indonesia Law Awards, and was also recognised in ALB's Asia Top 15 Female Lawyers for two consecutive years (2024 and 2025).

Her market recognition is consistently reflected in top legal directories. Hukumonline names her a Recommended Lawyer in its In-House Counsel Choice and Indonesia's 200 Most Influential Lawyers in The 200 Club. IFLR1000 ranks her as Highly Regarded and a Women Leader for M&A and Project Development. Asialaw recognises her as a Distinguished Practitioner in Corporate and M&A, Aviation, and Shipping, and Chambers Asia-Pacific recognises her expertise in Corporate and M&A.

Melissa regularly leads complex, high-value transactions across M&A, corporate advisory, banking and finance, energy and infrastructure, ports and shipping, and capital markets. She advises a diverse client base—from state-owned enterprises to private and multinational companies—and is trusted for delivering clear, strategic, and commercially grounded advice on landmark matters.



Accolades and Recognitions

- Melissa wins Indonesia Woman Lawyer of the Year at the ALB Indonesia Law Awards 2025.
- Melissa has been recognized as one of Asian Legal Business (ALB) Asia Top 15 Female Lawyers for 2024 and 2025.
- Melissa has received ranking as Distinguished Practitioner in Corporate and M&A; Aviation and Shipping in Asialaw Rankings, 2025.
- Melissa has received rankings as both Highly Regarded and Women Leaders in M&A and Project Development in IFLR Rankings, 2025.
- Melissa Butarbutar is recognized in Corporate and M&A, Chambers Asia-Pacific, 2026.

- Melissa Butarbutar is recognized as one of Indonesia’s 200 Most Influential Lawyers of 2026 in The 200 Club by Hukumonline.
- Melissa Butarbutar is listed in Hukumonline's In-House Counsel Choice 2024 & 2025 Recommended Partner.
- Melissa is a figure of the “young leaders of tomorrow”, and obtains recognition from international publications, one of which is Asian Legal Business (ALB) that has recently ranked her as one of Asia’s Top 15 Rising Lawyers, 2021.
- Melissa is nominated for Women Lawyer of the Year at ALB SE Asia Law Awards 2025.
- Melissa was nominated for SE Asia Dealmaker of the Year, SE Asia Private Practitioner of the Year at Asian Legal Businesswomen in Law Awards 2023.
- Nominated for the “Debt Capital Markets Lawyer of the Year” and “Equity Capital Markets Lawyer of the Year” at the Women in Business Law APAC Awards 2022 held by Euromoney.
- Melissa was nominated for SE Asia Dealmaker of the Year, SE Asia Private Practitioner of the Year and Managing Partner of the Year at Asian Legal Business Women in Law Awards 2021.

Publication:

- [Chambers and Partners Corporate M&A 2025 Guide](#)
- [The Legal 500 – Indonesia’s Port and Shipping Sector, 2025](#)
- [IFLR M&A Report 2021 for Indonesia](#)

Practice Areas

Corporate and M&A, Banking and Finance, Energy and Infrastructure, Ports and Shipping, and Capital Markets, Restructuring and Insolvency.

Education

- University of Indonesia, Bachelor of Law
- EDHEC Business School, France (under the international scholarship program from Total E&P where she attained her MSc in legal and tax management and being honored with the Best Student Award)

Professional Affiliations

- Member of the Indonesian Advocates Association (*Perhimpunan Advokat Indonesia* or PERADI)
- Registered with the Indonesian Financial Services Authority (*Otoritas Jasa Keuangan* or OJK) as a Professional Supporting the Capital Markets.
- Member of the Financial Sector Legal Consultants Association (*Himpunan Konsultan Hukum Sektor Keuangan* or HKHSK, formerly HKHPM).

Admission

- Admitted to the Indonesian Bar Association and practice in the courts.

Language

- English
- Indonesia