



*Melissa García, JD*

Melissa Villarreal García, J.D., Associate Vice Chancellor in The University of Texas System Office of Health Affairs, focuses on advancing and supporting the UT System Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, UT System and campus leadership and other constituents to advance collaborations, programs and initiatives across UT System's five health institutions and three academic institutions with academic medical centers. Melissa also advises UT System and health institution leadership on strategic, operational, business, legal, regulatory, compliance, management, policy, and legislative issues to advance organizational missions, as well as systemwide priorities and initiatives. Melissa also works closely and collaborates with the Board of Regents' Office, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of the General Counsel, and other UT System offices.

Prior to joining the Office of Health Affairs in 2019, Melissa served as an attorney in the UT System Office of General Counsel from 2012 through 2019 providing legal advice and counsel on a broad range of issues, including employment law, civil rights issues, faculty and student discipline, Title IX compliance, tuition and fees and other business-related matters.

Prior to joining UT System, Melissa practiced for over a decade in the areas of tax, commercial and securities litigation, employment law and administrative law. Melissa is a Texas native from Houston with family roots in the Rio Grande Valley. She received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Texas A&M University in College Station and a Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in Houston.