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Leigh R. Melton is an accomplished attorney and educator with a diverse legal background spanning corporate, public, and nonprofit sectors. She has served as managing partner of a law firm for over 15 years, focusing on litigation, mediation, and a wide range of legal, policy, and employment matters. Melton's in-house experience includes legal work with the Miami Heat.

In addition to earning her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 1998, Melton spent nine years as a faculty member at the University of Baltimore School of Law and was a visiting professor at the University of Richmond School of Law, where she taught courses including Negotiation and delivered the commencement address. Deeply committed to access to justice, she co-founded and served as president of Mid-Shore Pro Bono, a nonprofit connecting low-income individuals with volunteer attorneys and legal resources.