## 2012-2013 Treasurer

Melissa Melzer was born on September 12, 1977 in New York, NY. She moved to South Florida with her family in 1984. Melissa attended the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL and graduated with highest honors with a B.S. in Political Science in 1999. She then attended the George Washington University School of Law, Washington, DC, receiving her J.D. in 2002.

Melissa began her career working with a malpractice defense firm in Manhattan. She then returned to Florida in 2007. Upon her return to Florida, Melissa worked with Libow & Shaheen, LLP, which soon after her arrival merged with Berger Singerman, PA. During this time, she focused her practice on estate planning, probate administration and probate litigation. In 2010, she began working with Beller Smith, PL, and continued her focus on estate planning, probate administration and probate litigation.

In November of 2011, Melissa changed paths and began working with the American Red Cross as a Gift Planning Officer. In this role, Melissa advises current and potential donors on the options for making a planned gift, such as a charitable gift annuity, a bequest, a gift of securities, or a charitable remainder trust, to the American Red Cross. She also works with attorneys, accountants and financial advisors as they advise their clients on estate and tax planning.

Melissa is a member of both the New York and Florida Bar.

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