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Mélanie has over 20 years of experience in litigation and criminal law. After obtaining a LLM from Glasgow University and a Masters' degree in International Private Law from La Sorbonne, she started her career in private practice working for the French criminal lawyer and essayist Daniel Soulez Larivière. She worked on a variety of legal proceedings in international, high profile and sensitive cases such as aviation accidents, industrial disasters and violations of human rights.

In 2008, Mélanie joined the Litigation team of Airbus where she managed civil and commercial litigation, arbitration, pre-litigation matters or criminal investigations relating to the civil aviation branch. Since 2017, she has been leading the Investigations and Product Integrity team, advising on criminal law and supervising the defence of Airbus in product liability claims and incident/accident related proceedings.