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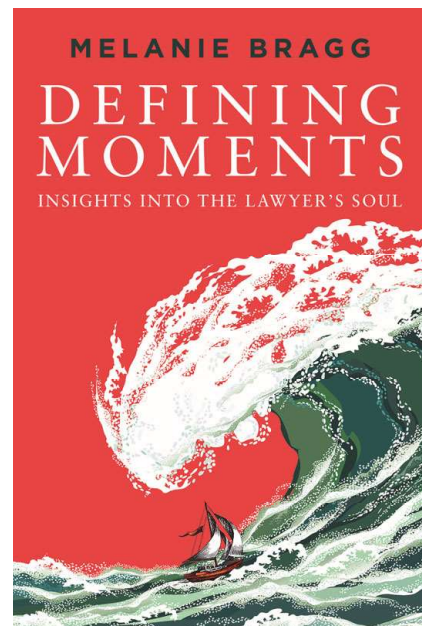
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Melanie Bragg, Bragg Law PC, is a general civil practitioner with an emphasis on probate, family, small business and mediation/mediation. She is a past president of the American Bar Association's Division of Children, the elderly, and mentally disadvantaged people. Bragg is currently Chair of the ABA Solo, Small Firm & General Practice Division for the 2019-2020 year. She was recently appointed to the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Bragg is the author of *Creative Fork: an Alisa Stockton legal thriller*. Her first book was edited for the *General Practitioner* published by the ABA. She is a frequent motivational speaker with interactive worksheets to a variety of audiences.



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