A Tide of Talent: a Look at our Latest Arrivals

From appellate to corporate, digital media to life sciences, 2018 saw more than a dozen top lawyers skilled in a wide range of practices and industries join O’Melveny. With their deep wealth of experience and diverse talents, these newest members of the firm have already been a boon to clients. Read on to get to know them better (click names for full bios).

Nicole Argentieri
A skilled litigator and former federal prosecutor, Argentieri’s practice focuses on advising corporations, board members, and executives with respect to internal investigations, criminal defense, regulatory compliance, and related civil litigation. She also has significant recent experience conducting investigations involving allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment, and representing individuals in connection with those investigations, drawing on her role in prosecuting sexual abuse and civil rights cases at the US Attorney’s Office.

Hale Boggs
Boggs is a leading legal and business advisor to entrepreneurs and investors in emerging companies, with a particular focus on digital media. From Los Angeles to Silicon Valley and beyond, he works with innovative technology companies across the spectrum of their business cycles, from start-up through late-stage. Boggs focuses on venture capital transactions, mergers and acquisitions, public and private securities offerings, and joint ventures.

Maria J. DiConza
DiConza represents debtors, creditors, purchasers, lenders, and other parties-in-interest in Chapter 11 reorganizations, out-of-court restructurings, and bankruptcy litigation. With more than 20 years in practice, she has experience spanning various industries, including health care, manufacturing, energy, financial services, and for-profit education.

Jeffrey L. Fisher
One of the nation’s leading Supreme Court practitioners and scholars, Fisher represents clients in high-stakes litigation involving a wide range of civil and criminal issues. He has argued 35 cases in the Court—including seven in the past two Terms alone. Over the past several years, Fisher also has obtained more grants of certiorari than any other member of the private bar and...
Robert Graffum
Graffum advises companies and investors in various corporate and investment transactions, with a particular focus on representing private equity sponsors, family offices and other institutional investors in mergers and acquisitions, investments and financing transactions. He also advises clients on corporate governance and general corporate matters.

Li Han
Han is a dealmaker and corporate advisor within the firm’s China practice, advising clients on investments and acquisitions, frequently with a China element, including M&A, capital markets, going-private transactions, PIPEs, and private equity and venture capital investments. Before joining O’Melveny, she was general counsel of Shanda Group for six years, serving as a C-suite business advisor and hands-on deal lawyer, leading venture and private equity-style investments, fund investments, and billion-dollar public and private acquisitions.

Dr. Geoff Kuziemko
Kuziemko focuses his practice on assisting clients, primarily in the life sciences sector, with intellectual property and technology-intensive transactions. His work runs the gamut of complex transactions, from out-bound license and in-bound license, development, commercialization, strategic alliance and joint venture, collaboration, and profit sharing agreements to commercial agreements for distribution, manufacture, and supply, as well as intellectual property due diligence for strategic acquisitions and financings involving life sciences businesses, products, and patents.

Nancy A. Mitchell
Mitchell advises debtors, acquirers, and creditors on complex restructurings, workouts, and Chapter 11 proceedings, drawing on more than 30 years of experience as a lawyer and an investment banker. Mitchell has counseled clients on some of the largest and most complex bankruptcies and restructurings, including ad hoc bondholders in General Motors and AbitibiBowater, and Satélites Mexicanos in its chapter 11 reorganization, as well as her ongoing representation of Puerto Rico government agencies in the largest in-court restructuring in US history.

Laurel Loomis Rimon
Rimon is a former federal prosecutor and experienced litigator who represents clients on a broad range of anti-money laundering and FinTech enforcement issues, as well as sensitive internal investigations and criminal and civil litigation. Before coming to O’Melveny, Rimon served for more than 15 years as an Assistant United States Attorney and DOJ Trial Attorney,
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Dr. Hassen Sayeed
An experienced trial lawyer and one of the few patent litigators in the United States with a medical degree, Sayeed focuses his practice on representing life sciences companies in contested matters involving pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and medical devices. He has particular expertise in cases arising under the Hatch-Waxman Act and the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act.

Nicolai Schwarz-Gondek
Specializing in private equity and mergers and acquisitions, Schwarz-Gondek regularly represents private equity sponsors and other institutional investors in connection with mergers, stock and asset acquisitions and divestitures, and leveraged and management buyouts involving public and private companies. He also represents target and acquiring companies (including the portfolio companies of private equity firms) in various types of domestic and international merger and acquisition transactions.

Ben Singer
Singer represents multinational corporations and their boards and executives in high-stakes criminal and civil investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, and other federal and state agencies. He joined O’Melveny after a decade at DOJ, where he most recently served as Chief of the Department of Justice’s Securities & Financial Fraud Unit.

David Smith
Smith advises public and private companies and institutional investors on a wide range of business transactions, including mergers, stock and asset acquisitions, tenders offers, going-private transactions, minority investments, leveraged buyouts, joint ventures, related financings, and venture capital investments. He also counsels management, boards of directors, and other governing bodies on fiduciary duties and other corporate responsibilities, and is proficient in California, New York, and Delaware corporate laws.