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Jon Hacker chairs O'Melveny's Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation Practice and resides in the DC office.

Jon has authored briefs in dozens of US Supreme Court cases at both the merits and certiorari stages. He has argued six cases in the US Supreme Court and appeals in every federal circuit. He has also briefed and argued appeals in numerous state courts, including New York, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, and the District of Columbia. Jon's appellate work has resulted in reversals of trial-court judgments (including jury verdicts) worth tens of millions and even billions of dollars. He has also briefed and argued many trial-level matters, has conducted discovery and depositions in complex litigation matters, and has handled several trials. Jon's areas of expertise include federal constitutional law, insurance, ERISA, criminal law and procedure, and federal jurisdiction and procedure.

*The American Lawyer* named Jon its "Litigator of the Week" in August 2015 for his precedent-setting victory in a Second Circuit appeal involving the Alien Tort Statute. The *Wall Street Journal* described Jon in January 2011 as a "rising appellate star." He was named "Appellate Lawyer of the Week" by the *National Law Journal* in 2011, and he has repeatedly been selected as a leading US appellate lawyer by *Chambers*, *Legal 500*, and *The Best Lawyers in America* ©.

Jon was a Lecturer in appellate advocacy for five years at the Harvard Law School, where he co-founded and co-directed the HLS Supreme Court and Appellate Advocacy Clinic. He is Co-

### Admissions

#### *Bar Admissions*

District of Columbia  
Maryland

#### *Court Admissions*

US Supreme Court  
All federal circuit courts of appeal  
US District Court, District of Columbia  
and District of Maryland

### Education

University of Michigan, J.D.,  
1995: *magna cum laude*; Order of the  
Coif; Henry M. Campbell Memorial  
Scholarship (Law School's highest  
award for graduates); Managing  
Editor, 1994-95, Associate Editor,  
1993-94, *Michigan Law Review*;  
Winner, Campbell Moot Court  
Competition, 1994

Harvard College, A.B., 1990 (Social  
Studies): *cum laude*

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Chair of the Supreme Court Amicus Committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

## Professional Activities

### Clerkships

- Honorable Bruce M. Selya, US Court of Appeals, First Circuit

### Member

- Co-Chair, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Supreme Court Amicus Committee
- Barrister, Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court

### Co-Founder and Co-Director

- HLS Supreme Court and Appellate Advocacy Clinic, Harvard Law School

## Honors & Awards

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® 2020 for Appellate Practice in Washington, DC; Listed in *Best Lawyers*® since 2010
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 US* as a Leading Lawyer for Appellate (2020); Listed in *The Legal 500 US* since 2017
- Repeatedly selected as a leading US appellate lawyer by *Chambers*
- “Local Litigation Star,” *Benchmark Litigation* (2018-2020)
- “Litigator of the Week,” *The American Lawyer* (August 2015)
- “Rising Appellate Star,” *The Wall Street Journal* (January 2011)
- “Appellate Lawyer of the Week,” *National Law Journal* (2011)