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Brad Butwin is the Chair of O'Melveny & Myers LLP, an internationally acclaimed law firm of approximately 750 attorneys in 17 offices worldwide. Under Brad's leadership, O'Melveny has for ten consecutive years ranked in the top tier of *The American Lawyer's* "A-List"—which recognizes the nation's most "well-rounded" firms in the areas of associate satisfaction, revenue per lawyer, pro bono engagement, overall racial diversity, and gender diversity among the partnership—claiming the #1 spot in 2021. In *The American Lawyer's* most recent Midlevel Associates Survey of more than 100 US law firms, O'Melveny ranked #1 for associate satisfaction. O'Melveny has also been a perennial honoree in *The American Lawyer's* "Litigation Department of the Year" competition, earning a second-place finish in the 2020 competition. And it has been a repeat winner in Vault's Law Firm Rankings, earning #1 in both 2019 and 2020 and #2 in 2021 across Vault's most important Quality of Life rankings: "Best Law Firms To Work For," "Overall Diversity," and "Best Summer Associate Program."

In addition to his leadership roles, which have included Chair of the Litigation Department, Brad maintains an active practice. *Chambers USA* ranks Brad among the top securities litigators in the nation and has rated him as one of the leading commercial litigators in New York. *Chambers* reports that Brad is "extremely dedicated to his clients," who describe him as a "brilliant mind" and "standout lawyer" who "is always reachable and responsive, [and] always wants to help." *Benchmark Litigation* has regularly named Brad a "Local Litigation Star," a "National Litigation Star," and a "National Securities Star," and consistently lists him as one of the country's top securities litigators. Citing peers, *Benchmark*

Admissions

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

US Court of Appeals, Second and Eleventh Circuits

Education

Fordham University, J.D., 1985:
Commentary Editor, *Fordham Law Review*

University of Wisconsin, B.B.A., Risk & Insurance, 1982

calls Brad “a superb litigator — tenacious, smart, high-energy and quite effective, with good judgment.” *The Legal 500* has recognized Brad’s securities litigation practice and *Best Lawyers* identifies Brad as a leading commercial litigator.

Committed to the communities O’Melveny serves, Brad met the challenges of 2020 by cofounding the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance, which has united almost 300 firms in the fight against structural racism in the law. He serves on its Board of Advisors. He is also a dedicated board member of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), which promotes a more open and diverse legal profession. He received the 2019 LCLD Compass Award, a designation that recognizes the most active LCLD individuals and organizations. Brad is also active on the boards of Only Make Believe, a nonprofit that creates and performs interactive theater for children in hospitals and care facilities, the Legal Aid Society, the Supreme Court Historical Society, and the American Society of Legal Writers. In an effort to bring affordable legal representation to underserved communities, Brad cofounded the Court Square Law Project, an innovative public-private collaboration that pairs new law school graduates with clients of modest means. The American Bar Association named the Court Square Project the 2019 recipient of the Louis M. Brown Award, which recognizes exemplary programs that enable affordable access to legal services for those of moderate incomes. A longtime supporter of Fordham Law School, Brad is the Chairman of the Financial Aid Campaign and a member of the Dean’s Planning Council.

For his dedication to justice, Brad received the Human Relations Award from the New York Lawyers Division of the Anti-Defamation League. He was also presented with the New York City Bar Association’s Thurgood Marshall Award for his role in freeing a wrongly convicted man from Georgia’s death row. In recognition of his outstanding achievement in the law, the Fordham Law Alumni Association awarded Brad its Medal of Achievement, the highest honor it bestows, and the Fordham Law Review Alumni Association awarded Brad its Leonard F. Manning Achievement Award in recognition of his professional achievements.

Before entering private practice, Brad served as a law clerk for US District Judge David N. Edelstein (S.D.N.Y.). Brad received his J.D. from Fordham Law School, where he served as Commentary Editor of the Law Review, and his B.B.A. in Risk & Insurance from the University of Wisconsin. He and his wife, Randi, have four children, three of whom played Division I soccer at the collegiate level and are now practicing lawyers; their youngest, age 18, is a talented dance instructor. Brad and Randi were recently honored by Temple Judea of Manhasset for their many years of dedicated service to the temple and the community. A longtime Vice-President, Board Member, and Premier Program Director of the Albertson Soccer Club, Brad received its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Professional Activities

Board Member

- Board of Directors, Only Make Believe
- Executive Committee & Co-Founder, Court Square Law Project
- Board of Directors, Supreme Court Historical Society
- Board of Directors, Legal Aid Society
- Board of Advisors, American Society of Legal Writers
- Board of Advisors, Law Firm Antiracism Alliance
- Board of Advisors, Law Practice Management Committee, New York State Bar Association

Chairman

- Fordham Law School, Financial Aid Campaign

Member

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2019 Honoree)
- New York City Bar Association, Committee on Financial Reporting
- New York City Bar Association Task Force, New Lawyers in a Changing Profession
- Fordham Law School, Dean's Planning Council

Clerkships

- US District Judge David N. Edelstein (S.D.N.Y.)

Honors & Awards

- Top NY Securities and Commercial Litigators, *Chambers USA*
- Human Relations Award, Anti-Defamation League, New York Lawyers Division
- Thurgood Marshall Award, New York City Bar Association
- Medal of Achievement, Fordham Law Alumni Association
- Leonard F. Manning Achievement Award, Fordham Law Review Alumni Association
- Practice Area Star, Litigation Star, and Local Litigation Star in Antitrust, General Commercial, and Securities, *Benchmark Litigation* (2019-21)
- Securities Litigation - Recommended Lawyer, *Legal 500*
- "500 Leading Lawyers in America," *Lawdragon*
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® for Commercial Litigation since 2013
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Albertson Soccer Club
- Temple Judea of Manhasset, Honoree for Dedicated Service to the Temple and Community