

An Influx of MVPs: Our Lateral Arrivals in 2019

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Ever mindful of ways to better meet our clients' needs, in 2019 we were proud to add several stars practicing at the top of their craft. Their impressive backgrounds, decades of experience, and alignment with our clients-first approach has enhanced our capabilities in areas that meet pressing challenges and opportunities across the litigation, corporate, and regulatory spectrum. Read on to learn more.



John Dermody

For the past decade, John held senior posts in the Executive Branch, most recently serving as a Deputy Legal Advisor at the National Security Council, where he advised officials on such matters as cybersecurity, infrastructure protection, disaster response, border and transportation security, election security, and other matters of US national security. At O'Melveny, John brings his experience to bear on the firm's significant portfolio of client work related to cybersecurity and data privacy, economic sanctions, and related national security issues. [See full bio >>](#)



Michael Dreeben

Michael is a former Deputy Solicitor General of the United States and a premier Supreme Court practitioner who argued more than one hundred cases before the High Court. He joins the firm in January, bringing his expertise to multiple practice areas, including appellate, white collar defense, data security and privacy, and securities litigation. Michael will also provide crisis management counsel to boardroom clients, especially those facing government investigations and complex issues of first impression. [See full bio >>](#)



Jason Kaplan

For more than a decade, Jason has specialized in negotiating and drafting complex agreements for the transfer, use, and financing of aircraft and other transportation equipment. He has experience in a wide array of structured equipment financings, including enhanced equipment trust certificates and secured notes issuances, securitizations, syndicated credit facilities, second lien facilities, warehouse facilities, and sale/leasebacks and restructuring. As a member of our top-ranked Aviation Industry Group, Jason advises domestic and foreign airlines, aircraft and engine leasing companies, banks, and private equity investors on all aspects of aviation and equipment finance. [See full bio >>](#)



William Martin

Bill is a former senior counsel in the US Securities and Exchange Commission's Enforcement Division. As a member of the SEC's Market Abuse Unit, he investigated and prosecuted cases involving insider trading, market structure practices, and other trading schemes. His tenure at the SEC and experience with other regulatory agencies enhances our representation of individuals

and companies in internal investigations and enforcement proceedings, especially in areas involving financial markets. [See full bio >>](#)



Russell McGlothlin

Russ is a renowned water resources attorney with decades of experience advising clients on water use and management matters. Across California and the western US, he has litigated water controversies concerning rights and environmental permitting, transfer agreements, formation of agencies and districts, and quality and reclamation issues. Russ is also at the forefront of water management policy in California; he helped draft the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, and played a key role in the reform of judicial procedures for resolving groundwater basin disputes in the state. [See full bio >>](#)



Lisa Monaco

Lisa served as Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor to President Obama. Prior to that she held several senior positions in the Department of Justice, including as an Assistant Attorney General for National Security, the Department's top national security lawyer. She is also a former Chief of Staff to then-Director of the FBI, Robert S. Mueller, III. Drawing on her experience as an advisor at the highest level of government, she counsels clients on the business, legal, and policy issues surrounding data security and privacy, as well as on other areas of crisis management and government and regulatory affairs. [See full bio >>](#)



Jeff Norton

A highly respected leveraged finance advisor, Jeff most recently practiced at two other international law firms, serving as US managing partner and finance practice head at one. In addition to advising direct lenders, middle-market banks, private equity sponsors, and large corporations in domestic and cross-border transactions, Jeff has served for more than a decade as counsel to a number of leading international banks. Now back at O'Melveny, where he spent the first 20 years of his career, Jeff advises on complex public and private finance matters, with particular emphasis on domestic and cross-border corporate and acquisition financing including leveraged credits and high yield bonds. [See full bio >>](#)



Anna Pletcher

Anna served for more than 10 years as a Trial Attorney for the United States Department of Justice Antitrust Division, where she investigated and prosecuted a variety of complex cases, including price fixing, bid rigging, market manipulation, fraud, and money laundering. She also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Major Crimes unit in San Francisco and as Assistant Chief of the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division San Francisco Office. At O'Melveny, she represents clients on a broad range of antitrust issues, as well as sensitive white collar and corporate investigations. [See full bio >>](#)