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## Harvard Law School's "The Practice": Jeremy Tran: Overcoming Culture Shock

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O'Melveny counsel Jeremy Tran was recently profiled for Harvard Law School's "The Practice" in a piece that focuses on his experience as an Asian-American in the legal profession. Tran chose to enter private practice over the opportunity to clerk because he was eager to represent clients. Like many elite law school students, he participated in early law firm interviews, which is what led him to O'Melveny.

"Indeed, due in no small part to the office's lawyers and the culture of the firm, Tran remains at O'Melveny & Myers (OMM) today, six years later," the profile notes. "On the one hand, Tran admits that as a practicing lawyer he continues to grapple with those cultural tensions he encountered during law school. Just as he was apprehensive about taking a professor to task over an argument then, today he is not any more naturally inclined to interrupt a more senior lawyer with an alternative point of view. That is why, as he describes, he must work to ensure he is not just contributing but contributing in a visible and consistent way. 'When I participate in meetings with senior attorneys, I say to myself, 'OK, I'm going to make sure I speak up at least three times,' says Tran. 'And as silly as it may sound, I actually often make a checkmark in my notebook each time I contribute a point—not because I need to make sure I am present but to ensure I'm making a conscious effort to show that I'm engaged.' On the other hand, despite these challenges, Tran's tenure at OMM has been marked by success in high-profile litigation."

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