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## Multiple Publications Remember O'Melveny Senior Partner Coleman

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Multiple media outlets, including the Associated Press, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*, published remembrances of O'Melveny senior partner William T. Coleman Jr., who died March 31, 2017.

In its March 31, 2017 obituary, "William T. Coleman Jr., Who Broke Racial Barriers in Court and Cabinet, Dies at 96," *The Times* hailed Coleman as a champion of "civil rights in milestone cases before the Supreme Court and who rose above racial barriers himself as an influential lawyer and as a cabinet secretary." As the *Post* noted, Coleman had appeared before the Supreme Court 19 times, including the landmark desegregation case *Brown v. Board of Education* and *Loving v. Virginia*, which struck down Virginia's ban on interracial marriages.

Coleman joined O'Melveny in 1977 following his service as US Secretary of Transportation. He went on to serve as co-chair of the firm's Washington, DC, office from 1977 to 1991, and was a part of the leadership team that charted O'Melveny's international expansion.

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