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O'Melveny Shortlisted for 9 Euromoney Women in Business Law Awards

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International Financial Law Review recently published the 2015 nominees for Euromoney Legal Media Group's Americas Women in Business Law Awards, which recognize outstanding women lawyers in several practice areas and acknowledge law firms for their leadership and achievements in helping women advance in the legal profession. O'Melveny is in the running for multiple honors at the awards, with nominations for nine awards including individual recognitions for two firm partners. In 2014, O'Melveny took home the "Best International Firm for Women in Business Law" award and won the award for "Best International Mentoring Program" for the second year in a row. In addition to being shortlisted for both awards again this year, the Firm returns as a finalist for "Best International Firm for Diversity," "Best Gender Diversity Initiative by an International Firm," "Most Innovative International Firm," and "Best International Firm for Work-Life Balance."

In the individual awards category, partner Danielle Gray is nominated for the "Best in Financial Regulation" award, and partner Dawn Sestito is nominated as a "Rising Star" in Litigation for the second year in a row. Gray represents financial institutions, healthcare companies, and other consumer financial services companies on complex regulatory problems and litigation. She returned to O'Melveny last year after several years in the Obama Administration, where she held a number of senior legal and policy roles, most recently as President Obama's chief liaison to his Cabinet. Sestito's practice focuses on commercial litigation, including litigation involving

intellectual property, unfair business practices, energy and the environment, natural resources, employment issues, contract disputes, and damages issues. In 2014, she worked pro bono on a landmark appeal related to marriage equality, *Sevcik v. Sandoval*, in which the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit overruled Nevada’s ban on same-sex marriage.

This year O’Melveny also is again a contender for “Best International Firm for Pro Bono Work” in recognition of the Firm’s extensive community legal work on issues that disproportionately impact women, such as domestic violence, denial of benefits, immigration, and assistance for low-income entrepreneurs.

The winners will be announced on June 3, 2015, at a ceremony in New York.