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Godesky Named One of National Law Journal's 2019 "Winning Litigators"

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New York—August 26, 2019—O'Melveny partner Leah Godesky has been named to *The National Law Journal's* 2019 "Winning Litigators" list, which honors trial lawyers for their victories in high-stakes cases, prevailing when substantial damages were at stake, setting a legal precedent, or overcoming an unfriendly jurisdiction.

The special report, "Masters of the Courtroom," features a [profile](#) of Godesky in which she discusses her successful constitutional challenge to a Kentucky statute that effectively banned the abortion procedure used in virtually all second-trimester procedures, the culmination of a yearlong collaboration with the American Civil Liberties Union.

"O'Melveny litigators look forward to nothing more than an opportunity to meet an adversary in a courtroom, and hold them to the applicable burden of proof," Godesky told the *NLJ*. "We did just that—in striking down the law at issue, the judge found that the evidence showed the Commonwealth's purported interests were not sufficient to justify the substantial obstacle to women's constitutionally protected right to access abortion care."

Godesky also shared trial tips that have been key to her success, emphasizing teamwork. "Your paralegal and technology expert are the most important members of our trial team," she advised. "Choose wisely and treat them well!"

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