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O'Melveny Honors 15 New York High School Students with Scholarships

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NEW YORK—May 23, 2018—O'Melveny will award scholarships to 15 deserving students from five New York City public schools at its 16th Annual New York Scholarship Awards ceremony, which takes place this evening at 6 p.m. in the firm's New York office.

Each year, O'Melveny's New York Scholarship Program honors public high school students—three 11th-graders from each borough—who are selected through an application and interview process conducted in collaboration with the Fund for Public Schools. The program's unique structure combines crucial financial support with college readiness workshops and professional mentoring. The awards are intended to empower students who show tremendous promise but face significant obstacles to realizing their college and career aspirations.

This year's ceremony features a keynote speech by Valerie Sicard, a 2005 scholarship recipient who is now an Assistant Vice President in the Global Structured Products Group at Bank of America, an O'Melveny client.

"I always look forward to meeting the exceptional high school juniors who make up each year's class of O'Melveny Scholars," said Bradley J. Butwin, chair of O'Melveny. "This year is particularly special because we are joined by someone who is both an O'Melveny Scholarship success story and the embodiment of our close ties to our communities and clients. Valerie's achievements continue to inspire me."

The ceremony will also include remarks from the Chancellor of The City

University of New York (CUNY), James B. Milliken, as well as Butwin and Jeff Kohn, managing partner of O'Melveny's New York office.

"The scholarships O'Melveny provides are among the wisest investments the firm could make because every dollar that goes toward the education of these talented students unleashes enormous creativity and drive and potential," said CUNY Chancellor Milliken. "What really makes our city and state stronger are the ideas, innovations, leadership skills and promise of these winners. The scholarships are a great way of developing the talent that will continue to make New York the greatest city in the country."

Facts About O'Melveny's Scholarship Program:

- O'Melveny's New York Scholarship Program has awarded more than US\$1.6 million to 240 public high school students in New York since its inception in 2003.
- Worldwide, O'Melveny has contributed or committed more than US\$10 million in scholarship awards for students in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Shanghai, and Beijing.
- O'Melveny Scholars have graduated from Barnard College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, CUNY, Cornell University, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, and Vassar College, among other colleges and universities.
- Many O'Melveny Scholars have established rewarding careers in the public and private sectors, including one who became an O'Melveny lawyer.

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About the Fund for Public Schools

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