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O'Melveny Launches Aviation Practice

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LOS ANGELES--OCTOBER 16, 2015--O'Melveny & Myers LLP has launched an aviation practice, utilizing the Firm's deep experience in the aviation industry to meet the needs of the growing industry. Led by one of the country's foremost airline industry labor lawyers, partner Bob Siegel, the cross-discipline team guides many of the major airlines, airport owners and operators, investors, and developers on all aspects of their business.

"The aviation practice combines a deep understanding—backed by decades of in-the-field experience—of the aviation business with a sophisticated knowledge of the legal, regulatory, and market forces impacting our clients," said Siegel.

This new practice formalizes the work O'Melveny lawyers have been doing in the aviation industry for more than half a century. O'Melveny routinely counsels companies in the aviation industry on acquisition opportunities, labor disputes, antitrust inquiries, and financing opportunities. The Firm has played a decisive role in almost all of the significant airline mergers in the post-deregulation environment, including advising on union integration plans

for the US\$17 billion US Airways and American Airlines merger and successfully guiding US Airways through the antitrust investigation of the deal. O'Melveny has assisted on more than 50 airport projects in the past two decades—representing airlines, airport owners, investors, and others at more than 35 airports in nine countries at an aggregate value of nearly US\$20 billion. Such projects include the ongoing US\$4 billion redevelopment of LaGuardia's Central Terminal Building, which will be a landmark transaction and become the largest public-private partnership undertaken anywhere in the world.

“Our clients have shaped the aviation industry, from the first-ever attempted privatization of a US airport to the largest public-private partnership in any industry, and we've been right beside them to help set precedents and define the market,” said partner Eric Richards, who is negotiating the LaGuardia Central Terminal Building transaction. “We look forward to continuing to serve these clients through an integrated platform.”

Among the partners involved in the global practice group are David Beddow, Ben Bradshaw, Riccardo Celli, Chuck Diamond, Andrew Frackman, Richard Parker, Kati Robson, and Ian Simmons (antitrust); JP Motley (capital markets); Richards (financing); Chris Hollinger, Aparna Joshi, Michael McGuinness, and Siegel (labor and employment); Qiang Li (M&A, Asia); and Tad Allan (trial); as well as counsel Karen Ireland (finance, London).

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