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Women in Law Empowerment Forum Awards O'Melveny Gold Standard Certification

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LOS ANGELES—June 15, 2018—O'Melveny has been awarded the 2018 Gold Standard Certification by the Women in Law Empowerment Forum (WILEF). This marks the second consecutive year the firm has been recognized with this honor.

WILEF grants Gold Standard status to major law firms that meet objective criteria concerning the number of women among equity partners both in firm leadership positions and in the ranks of their most highly compensated partners.

Elizabeth "Betiayn" Tursi, WILEF's Global Chair, said she was encouraged by what she described as a shift in the industry toward gender equity, observing, "law firms are making a concerted effort to effect change by meeting our standards."

O'Melveny received certification for meeting the following criteria:

- 20 percent of equity partners or, alternatively, 33 percent of the attorneys becoming equity partners during the past twelve months are women
- 15 percent of firm and U.S. branch office heads are women
- 20 percent of the firm's primary governance committee are women
- 20 percent of the firm's compensation committee or its equivalent are women
- 7 percent of women equity partners are women of color or 3.5 percent of women equity partners are LGBT

All certified firms will be named on the WILEF website and will receive a 2018 Gold Standard Certification seal for use in their communication material.

“Advancing the careers of our women lawyers is a major priority for O’Melveny and we are honored to receive this certification for our efforts,” said Mary Ellen Connerty, O’Melveny’s director of Diversity and Engagement. “This recognition reflects our firmwide commitment to developing the careers of our women lawyers and providing them access to leadership opportunities. Ensuring the continued success of our women and all our diverse talent is part of our core values.”

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