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## Together at hOMMe - O'Melveny's Alumni Webinar Series

November 4, 2021

### **An Insider's Perspective: A Virtual Fireside Chat with Stephen Chen, General Counsel of Duolingo**

In collaboration with O'Melveny's Asian South-Asian Islander Society (OASIS), on November 4 at 12pm PT / 3pm ET, O'Melveny partner Scott Sugino will interview Stephen Chen, O'Melveny alumnus and General Counsel of Duolingo Inc. Stephen and Scott will discuss Stephen's career path, experience taking Duolingo public and transition to becoming a public company general counsel, and his perspectives on leadership and career development as an Asian American.

O'Melveny is proudly collaborating with the Orange County Asian American Bar Association (OCAABA), the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Silicon Valley (APABA SV), and the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA) to bring this event to you. We hope you can join us. If you have questions, please contact [alumni@omm.com](mailto:alumni@omm.com). Register [here](#).

### **Panelists**

- **Scott Sugino**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **Stephen Chen**, General Counsel, Duolingo

[PAST WEBINARS](#)

- **Confronting Anti-Asian Racism: A Conversation with STOP AAPI Hate Co-Founder Professor Russell M. Jeung** (June 22, 2021)
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June 22, 2021

### **Confronting Anti-Asian Racism: A Conversation with STOP AAPI Hate Co-Founder Professor Russell M. Jeung**

O'Melveny partner Scott Sugino and Professor Russell M. Jeung discuss the AAPI community in this time of resurging racist incidents targeting Asian Americans. Among other topics, Scott and Professor Jeung will discuss how the current environment connects to the long history of anti-Asian discrimination in the United States, Stop AAPI-Hate's ongoing efforts to address Anti-Asian violence and discrimination, and a call to action for how we can best effect change and stand united against all forms of racism.

#### **Panelists**

- **Russell M. Jeung**, Chair and Professor of Asian American Studies, San Francisco State University
- **Scott Sugino**, Partner, O'Melveny

#### **Resources**

- [Presentation](#)
- [CLE Affirmation Form](#)
- [Webinar Recording](#) (For password, please email [alumni@omm.com](mailto:alumni@omm.com))
- [Stop AAPI Hate](#)

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November 19, 2020

### **The Pandemic's Impact on American Sports**

COVID-19 has had a grave and complex impact on every aspect of society and American sports are no exception. Please join Jared F. Bartie, co-chair of O'Melveny's Sports Industry Group, and Maggy Carlyle, General Counsel for the Pac-12 Conference, as they discuss how COVID-19 is influencing industry thinking on player and fan safety, stadiums and venues, broadcasting, sponsorships, revenue, recruitment, and much more.

#### **Panelists**

- **Jared F. Bartie**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **Maggy Carlyle**, General Counsel, Pac-12 Conference

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September 30, 2020

### **John Lewis: Good Trouble Post-Viewing Panel Discussion**

O'Melveny's Racial Justice Committee invites you to a virtual panel discussion featuring O'Melveny partners Damali Taylor and Anton Metlitsky, Mark Gaber from the Campaign Legal Center, Anne V. Houghtaling from the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Professor Michael S. Kang from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

#### **Panelists**

- **Damali Taylor**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **Anton Metlitsky**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **Mark Gaber**, Director, Trial Litigation, Campaign Legal Center
- **Anne V. Houghtaling**, Deputy Director, Thurgood Marshall Institute, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund

- **Michael S. Kang**, Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

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- [Presentation](#)
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- *The New Jim Crow* – Michelle Alexander
- The 1619 Project (NYT – Nikole Hannah Jones)
- *The Failures of Integration* – Sheryll Cashin
- *The Possessive Investment in Whiteness* – George Lipsitz
- *Family Properties* – Beryl Satter
- [Implicit Bias Tests](#)
- [Adam Ruins Everything: The Suburbs Edition](#)
- [Check your voter registration](#)
- [Be informed about absentee ballot laws](#)
- [Sign-up to be a poll worker](#)
- [Complete the 2020 Census](#)
- [Participate in National Vote Early Day](#)

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August 27, 2020

## **Autonomous Vehicles in the Age of COVID: The Promise of AVs and Roadblocks to Deployment**

Melody Drummond Hansen, chair of O'Melveny's Automated & Connected Vehicles Industry Group, John Kwant, Global Director of Government Relations at Ford Motor Company, and Emily Frascaroli, Managing Counsel at Ford Motor Company, will discuss developments in AV technology and how COVID-19 is influencing industry thinking, from design priorities to use cases for deployment. Home delivery demands are soaring, our national supply chain is of central concern, and we are all looking for safer transportation options that minimize human contact. What potential do AVs have for addressing these needs and others? What roadblocks stand in the way of testing and deployment? How does regulatory action (or inaction) factor in? And why are AVs important to being ready for the next major crisis?

## **Panelists**

- **Melody Drummond Hansen**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **Emily Frascaroli**, Managing Counsel, Product Litigation Group, Ford

Motor Company

- **John F. Kwant**, Global Director, Government Relations for Mobility and Advanced Technologies, Ford Motor Company

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July 23, 2020

## **An Environmental Silver Lining? Effects of COVID-19's Shutdown on Companies' Sustainability Priorities**

Apollo Global Management Inc.'s ESG Counsel Robert Esposito, Rainforest Alliance's Chief Program Officer Nigel Sizer, and O'Melveny partner Eric Rothenberg discuss COVID-19's impact on the environment. COVID has impacted all walks of life, including efforts to build sustainability into worldwide social and economic systems, with a focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors. While COVID shut-downs have had some collateral beneficial effects on these efforts, it has also caused disruption to others. Our panelists will offer views on what sustainable enterprise will look like near and long term in a world facing pandemics.

## Panelists

- **Eric Rothenberg**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **Robert Esposito**, ESG Counsel, Apollo
- **Nigel Sizer**, Chief Program Officer, Rainforest Alliance

## Resources

- [Presentation](#)
- [Rainforest Alliance](#)
- [CLE Affirmation Form](#)
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July 16, 2020

## **Cybersecurity on Steroids: Navigating COVID-19's New Threats to Companies and Private Households**

Blue Cross North Carolina's Senior VP, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary, Danielle C. Gray, O'Melveny partner Steve Bunnell, and counsel John Dermody discuss cybersecurity threats during the pandemic. What should companies do to protect consumer information as more people rely on digital platforms? How has the shift to remote work increased data protection and privacy risks? How can we make remote learning a safe experience for students and their parents? What immediate and practical steps can individuals take to lead safer virtual lives? Our panel of experts will share tips and strategies for protecting ourselves in these unprecedented times.

### **Panelists**

- **Steve Bunnell**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **John Dermody**, Counsel, O'Melveny
- **Danielle C. Gray**, Senior VP, Chief Legal Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina

### **Resources**

- [Presentation](#)
- [Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
- [CLE Affirmation Form](#)
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July 9, 2020

## **The Business of Water in a Time of Pandemic, Climate Change, and Fraught Politics: Significant Opportunities and Challenges**

This program features a special conversation with Matt Kline, head of O'Melveny's water industry practice, Buzz Thompson, professor at Stanford Law School, and Heather Welles, member of O'Melveny's water industry practice. Our panelists will discuss the "Business of Water"—a class that

Buzz and Matt teach at Stanford—and how COVID-19 and other major forces of disruption have imperiled smart water policy and created a need for reform, as well as opened the door for important business opportunities.

### Panelists

- [Matt Kline](#), Partner, O'Melveny
- [Buzz Thompson](#), Of Counsel, O'Melveny
- [Heather Welles](#), Of Counsel, O'Melveny

### Resources

- [Presentation](#)
- Publications and Resources
  - [Water in the West](#) (Stanford University)
  - [Maven's Notebook](#)
  - [Public Policy Institute of California: Water Policy Center](#)
  - [COVID-10 State Budget Shortfalls Could be Largest on Record](#) (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)
  - [For Thousands of Years, Egypt Controlled the Nile. A New Dam Threatens That](#) (*The New York Times* - subscription required)
  - [Turkey Starts Filling Hugh Tigris River Dam, Activists Say](#) (*Reuters*)
  - [Turkish Dam Project Threatens to Submerge Thousands of Years of History](#) (*The New York Times* - subscription required)
- Water Organizations
  - [Water.org](#)
  - [WaterAid](#)
  - [Charity Water](#)
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June 25, 2020

### Reimagining Education in the Shadows of COVID-19

Framroze "Fram" Virjee, President of California State Fullerton, and O'Melveny partner Apalla Chopra have a virtual Fireside Chat: "Reimagining Education In the Shadows of COVID-19." Fram will detail his university's journey from "normal, to abnormal, to the new normal, the bumps along the way, and what he expects will be long-term changes," including a few unexpected silver linings. As the fall semester looms, Apalla, who leads

O'Melveny's Colleges & Universities and Labor & Employment practices, will discuss pandemic-related lawsuits and other unprecedented challenges universities are grappling with from socially distanced-housing to lecture hall reconfiguration. Fram and Apalla will also comment on the public/private and digital divides while exploring whether "equal access to education" is an attainable goal during a dual crisis: public health emergency framed by painful and widespread racial and social unrest. Lastly, and most importantly, they will share some specific and meaningful ways we can come together as a community to support disadvantaged students who most need our help.

### Panelists

- **Framroze "Fram" Virjee**, President, California State Fullerton
- **Apalla U. Chopra**, Partner, O'Melveny

### Resources

- [Presentation](#)
- [Open Letter to Legacy Leaders Across White America](#)
- Orange County Register Article: [Cal State Fullerton students shift gears as classes go online over coronavirus fears](#)
- Ways to Support CSUF
  - [Titan Emergency Fund](#) - Ensures students' basic needs are met during the pandemic (food, temporary housing, mental health resources, transportation, educational support, etc.)
  - [Tech Support Initiative](#) - Supports students who do not have access to technology resources at home.
  - [Guardian Scholars Program](#) - Supports former foster youth in their efforts to gain a university, community college or trade school education.
  - [Enhance the Titan Experience](#) - Helps students connect and feel they belong at CSUF.
  - [Project Safe](#) - Provides emergency support for students in need of food, housing and transportation.
  - [Titan Scholarship Fund](#) - Supports students who have faced challenging situations as a result of COVID-19 (lost jobs, decreased wages, unexpected medical costs, family emergencies, etc.)
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June 9, 2020

## **Participant's "Contagion" Tried to Warn Us...So Now What? Navigating Re Entry to the Workplace**

Participant's General Counsel, Jeannine Tang, and O'Melveny partners Aparna Joshi and Adam Karr discuss how, nearly a decade ago, Participant released a film predicting a global pandemic. How did they conceive of and create their story? Why did they create it? And now that states are looking to open up more broadly, what does that mean for employers navigating the legal risks involved? Knowing what they know, how is Participant managing their reopening, balancing business needs with their team's safety? Where did "Contagion" accurately predict current events and where does our current reality differ? What's next as the race for a vaccine accelerates and how should employers stay a step ahead?

### **Panelists**

- **Jeannine Tang**, General Counsel, Participant
- **Aparna B. Joshi**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **Adam J. Karr**, Partner, O'Melveny

### **Resources**

- [Presentation](#)
- [World Health Organization/Minions PSA \(Video\)](#)
- [Contagion Trailer \(Video\)](#)
- [Participants Wanted \(Video\)](#)
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May 28, 2020

## **Fighting More Than COVID-19: Healing Pandemic-Fueled Inequality and Hatred**

O'Melveny and Asian Americans Advancing Justice hosted a special panel conversation about the surge of racist incidents targeting Asian Americans during the coronavirus pandemic and the opportunity for hope as we emerge. Our panelists discussed the impact of COVID-19-related intolerance, the history of anti-Asian racism in the United States, the disproportionate impact this virus has had on people of color, and what we can do to combat it.

- What types of virus-related racism are Asian Americans experiencing?
- What is the history of blaming Asians for the spread of disease, and what influence does that have in the age of COVID?
- Does COVID-19 have a disparate impact on people of color from both a health and economic perspective?
- How can we meaningfully address this anti-Asian sentiment moving forward? How can we build a coalition between all communities of color?

### Panelists

- **William K. Pao**, Partner, O'Melveny
- **Manjusha P. Kulkarni**, Executive Director, A3PCON
- **Betty Hung**, Staff Director, UCLA Labor Center

### Resources

- [Presentation](#)
- [Articles](#)
- [Stop AAPI Hate \(Monthly Report\)](#)
- [Implications of COVID-19 on At-Risk Workers by Neighborhood in Los Angeles](#)
- [Stop AAPI Hate \(Video\)](#)
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