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LOS ANGELES — May 14, 2014 — O'Melveny & Myers LLP partners Carla Christofferson, Carolyn Kubota, and Linda Smith have been named Top Women Lawyers by the *Daily Journal*. The three litigators are profiled in the publication's May 7, 2014, special edition spotlighting the leading women lawyers in California.

Christofferson's profile discusses her work with Lambda Legal in a suit against Nevada challenging the state's refusal to allow same-sex marriage. "I think still having laws that make it OK to discriminate against someone because of their sexual orientation is just wrong," Christofferson told the publication. "To be able to partner with Lambda to help try to rid ourselves of the legal discrimination was a real privilege." *Daily Journal* also noted her victory for Exxon before the Alaska Supreme Court in a suit regarding a settlement agreement. In addition to Christofferson's successes in the courtroom, the feature also highlighted her role as managing partner of O'Melveny's Los Angeles office. Christofferson is a member of O'Melveny's Business Trial and Litigation Practice.

The publication noted Kubota's work in *Securities and Exchange Commission v. Tekulve, et al.*, in which she secured a complete victory for Thomas Tekulve, former CFO of Basin Water Inc, when a US District Judge rejected each of the SEC's seven claims against him. "I'm a huge believer in the power of narrative," Kubota told the publication. "We had a narrative to tell of these events that was cohesive, credible and that was well-supported by the facts." The article also noted her work leading the defense of a major pharmaceutical company in a high-stakes matter involving a coordinated investigation by 44 state attorneys general. Kubota is a member of O'Melveny's White Collar Defense & Corporate Investigations Practice as well as the Business Trial and Litigation Practice, and resides in the Firm's Los Angeles office.

Smith was recognized for her role in a closely watched pro bono case involving voting rights headed to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Smith represents a consortium of rights groups in the litigation, including the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Common Cause, and Chicanos Por La Causa Inc. In the profile, Smith noted that the case “is not only about rights for minorities and poor people” but also raises important legal questions. “Who gets to decide what’s on the federal election form? It has to do with separation of power, the supremacy clause, preemption, and states’ and federal rights,” she said. Smith is a member of O’Melveny’s Business Trial and Litigation Practice and resides in the Firm’s Century City office.

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