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Premier Real Estate Lawyers Michael D. Hamilton and Timothy B. Evans Rejoin Firm

LOS ANGELES—April 22, 2020—O'Melveny announced today that Michael D. Hamilton and Timothy B. Evans have rejoined the firm as partners in its Project Development & Real Estate Practice in Los Angeles. The pair, who have worked together since the late 1990s, were previously partners at an *AmLaw* Top 10 firm where Hamilton served as Co-Chair of the California Real Estate practice.

Hamilton represents corporate and institutional owners of large property portfolios, including public and private real estate investment trusts (REITs). He is also nationally recognized for his borrower-side real estate finance practice representing numerous institutional borrowers in loans of all shapes and sizes across the nation. Over 20+ years, Hamilton has originated hundreds of loans on behalf of borrowers totaling more than US \$125 billion. An environmental geologist and geophysicist by training, Hamilton also advises property owners and investors on environmentally contaminated properties.

Evans has extensive experience in complex real estate transactions, including the representation of clients buying, selling, leasing, and developing commercial real estate. He also has experience in sophisticated financing transactions, including real estate finance transactions and other asset-based financings. He has a particular expertise in resolving issues related to secured corporate facilities, purchase and sale transactions, and joint ventures.

“We’ve known Michael and Tim for decades and have admired their work both for our clients and for parties across the table,” said O'Melveny chair Bradley J. Butwin. “It is great to be able to welcome them back to the firm as we deepen our bench of real estate attorneys. They also strengthen our practice serving REITs, where we handle corporate, securities, M&A, and capital-raising transactions.”

With the arrival of Hamilton and Evans, seven lateral partners have joined O'Melveny's Corporate Department in the past six months, including Todd Boes, Terrence Dugan, Christopher Owens, Jason Kaplan, and Jeff Norton.

"It's gratifying to know that O'Melveny remains a prime destination for top talent even during this challenging period," said C. Brophy Christensen, Co-Chair of the firm's Corporate Department. "We will continue to execute on our strategy of pursuing high-caliber lawyers around the world who advance our vision for a strong, cohesive corporate platform able to serve our broad client base."

Hamilton is a thought leader on innovation in the practice of law and the application of technology to the practice. He also has extensive experience in the area of digital assets and new technologies such as smart contracts and the application of blockchain to real estate and finance, having spoken on those topics at MIT's Media Lab and the World Economic Forum in Davos. *The National Law Journal* recently named him an "NLJ Trailblazer" in real estate, and *Chambers USA* has ranked him since 2013. Hamilton is a leader in the real estate bar, serving as a board or faculty member with the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the American Law Institute, the American Bar Association, and Practising Law Institute, and as a prior adjunct faculty member with the USC, Loyola, and Pepperdine law schools. He earned his AB in geology from Hamilton College and his MA in geology and geophysics from Rice University. He earned his JD from the University of Oregon School of Law, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Oregon Law Review*.

Evans is actively involved with a number of nonprofit organizations. He earned his BA from the University of California at Irvine and JD from University of Arizona College of Law, *summa cum laude*.

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