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O'Melveny Again Named to The American Lawyer A-List

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA — July 1, 2010 — O'Melveny & Myers LLP has been named to *The American Lawyer's* 2010 A-List, which recognizes the nation's most elite law firms for stellar performance in the areas of revenue generation, pro bono commitment, associate satisfaction, and diversity representation. This is the Firm's third consecutive year on the list of 20 firms judged best at balancing the practice of law with their obligations to the profession.

"This is a distinction that we could not have achieved without the confidence and support of our clients, who have continued to entrust us with their most important legal matters and encourage our pro bono and diversity commitments," said Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., Chair of O'Melveny & Myers. "We are grateful for the privilege of serving them, and deeply honored to once again receive this recognition from *The American Lawyer*."

This year's A-List calculations revealed that the Firm maintained its distinguished pro bono record among AmLaw 200 firms in 2009. As a testament to the continued importance of public interest legal work at the Firm, O'Melveny averaged just over 121 hours per lawyer on pro bono matters in 2009, placing it within the top 20 in *The American Lawyer's* list of firms with the greatest commitment to providing free legal representation to underserved clients.

O'Melveny lawyers have achieved several important victories for pro bono clients within the past year, including two before the US Supreme Court. In *Carachuri-Rosendo v. Holder*, a team led by partner Sri Srinivasan obtained a unanimous ruling from the Court that immigrants with convictions for minor offenses can seek discretionary relief from removal to enable them to remain in the



country. Another O'Melveny pro bono team, also led by Srinivasan, obtained a rare 9-0 Supreme Court decision in a federal criminal appeal in *Abhelhawa v. United States*. The Court held that an individual could not be held liable for “facilitating” felony drug distribution by using a cell phone to arrange a misdemeanor purchase of drugs for personal use.

The Firm also achieved significant pro bono victories beyond the Supreme Court. In the first-ever verdict under California’s Trafficking Victims Protection Act, O'Melveny and Bet Tzedek won a stirring victory for Suminarti Sayuti Yusuf, an Indonesian woman who was the victim of human trafficking at the hands of a wealthy Southern California family. A Los Angeles Superior Court jury awarded Yusuf US\$768,000, including US\$500,000 in punitive damages. Most recently, the Firm acted as co-counsel to a class of food stamp applicants and recipients whose benefits had been unlawfully denied or delayed due to cutbacks at Orange County’s Social Services Agency in *Blackstar v. Orange County*. The effort led to a settlement with the County that includes a three-year Consent Decree designed to ensure more timely processing and approval of food stamp applications, and to O'Melveny being named “Law Firm of the Year” by the Public Law Center.

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