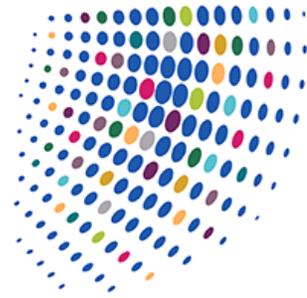


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**NEW YORK—May 26, 2020—**The American Bar Association has recognized O'Melveny partner Leah Godesky with its prestigious Pro Bono Publico Award for “demonstrating outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged.”

The Pro Bono Publico Awards are the top honors given by the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, which spotlights the pro bono efforts of individual lawyers and small and large law firms, government attorney offices, corporate law departments and other institutions in the legal profession. The awards will be presented at the upcoming ABA Annual Meeting, which will be held online later this summer.

In announcing the 2020 recipients, the ABA hailed Godesky for leading the firm's pro bono efforts for women's reproductive rights, including “landmark victories” against several states seeking to severely restrict access to abortion. These include working with the ACLU to persuade a Kentucky district court to strike down a state law banning a medical procedure used in virtually all second-trimester abortions. The decision was a critical win for Kentucky's last remaining abortion provider, which is also a destination for women from five other states.

“I am incredibly honored to receive the ABA's Pro Bono Publico Award,” Godesky said. “There is no higher calling for a lawyer than to make a difference in people's lives. It is gratifying to work at a firm that encourages these important efforts and where I have the support of so many likeminded colleagues.”

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