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## O'Melveny's Dubeck, Lens, Sullivan, Taylor Named Law360 Rising Stars

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O'Melveny partners Molly Lens, Stephen Sullivan, and Jennifer Taylor, as well as counsel Liz Dubeck, have been named among *Law360's* 2016 Rising Stars, which highlights top lawyers under 40 years old "whose legal accomplishments belie their age." According to the publication's March 30, 2016, announcement, the winners were culled from more than 1,100 submissions, based on the lawyers' "career accomplishments in their respective practice areas." Each of the winners was profiled as a part of *Law360's* special series on this year's Rising Stars.

Lens has been selected as one of *Law360's* top media and entertainment attorneys under 40 for the second year running. Her April 4, 2016, profile highlights her work defending Fox against trademark infringement claims targeting its hit TV show "Empire" and helping the company beat a discrimination lawsuit brought by former "American Idol" contestants. Lens told the publication that providing hands-on support to her clients and keeping their best interests at heart are vital for cultivating client relationships. "You have to understand your client and you have to marry the legal approach with the business approach and the personal approach," she said in the article, adding "[i]t's about ... learning what keeps your client up at night and figuring out a way to take care of it."

Sullivan is described as a "go-to attorney for Medicare Advantage plans that are increasingly being targeted in False Claims Act investigations," in his April 18, 2016, Rising Star profile. According to the article, O'Melveny's healthcare lawyers identified Medicare Advantage risk adjustment as a likely FCA target and accordingly developed expertise in the "complicated" space. "What we've been able to do is really focus in on one of the key mechanisms by which money is passing to the health plans," Sullivan told *Law360*. The profile highlights some of his most notable cases in this area.

Regarding advice for younger attorneys, Sullivan recommends finding

a balance between learning from more experienced attorneys and trusting in their own skills. “[It’s about] knowing when to be deferential but also knowing that you’ve got to have confidence in yourself,” he said.

*Law360* cites Taylor’s roles in the successful restructuring of Colt Defense and ongoing Chapter 11 proceedings for Hancock Fabrics Inc. and Verso Corp., in her selection to the list of top bankruptcy lawyers under 40. “Bankruptcy litigation is unlike other litigation,” Taylor said in the April 12, 2016, article. “There’s much more incentive for parties to come together because you’re fighting over a finite pie, and that pie is just shrinking daily,” she said. Taylor told *Law360* that she was drawn to restructuring law because it is a “hugely multidisciplinary area” and she attributes her success to a “practical approach to bankruptcy law,” as well as the support of a robust restructuring team at the firm. “We stand out by putting the best team on the field and that makes my job easier — knowing I have the support of incredible colleagues,” she said.

Dubeck earned a spot on the list of top transportation Rising Stars for her work “behind the scenes on some of the transportation industry’s biggest infrastructure projects,” according to her March 31, 2016, profile. The article spotlights her work leading the financing portion of the upcoming multibillion-dollar redevelopment of the main terminal at New York’s LaGuardia Airport on behalf of LaGuardia Gateway Partners. The project is among the largest public-private partnerships in the United States and demonstrates the “relatively new” model of partially-privatized airports. Dubeck told *Law360* that the key to being a younger lawyer in a practice area dominated by veteran attorneys is to “establish yourself as credible and knowledgeable” from the get-go.

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