NEWPORT BEACH, CA ─ MAY 3, 2012 ─ O'Melveny & Myers LLP’s Mike Yoder, a partner in the Firm’s Newport Beach office and head of that office’s Business Trial and Litigation Practice, is being honored with the Marcus Kaufman Jurisprudence Award by the Anti-Defamation League.

The Jurisprudence Award is given in memory of Supreme Court Justice Marcus M. Kaufman for his exceptional work and commitment to the legal community and to the Orange County Judiciary.

Yoder will receive the award May 8, 2012, during the Anti-Defamation League’s Annual Jurisprudence Awards Dinner in Newport Beach.

About O'Melveny & Myers LLP
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The following press release was issued by ADL:

SANTA ANA, CA -- John Hueston, Partner, Irell & Manella; Jeffrey Reeves, Partner, Gibson Dunn; Mike Yoder, Partner, O'Melveny & Myers will be honored at the Anti-Defamation League’s Annual Jurisprudence Awards Dinner, on Tuesday evening May 8, 2012 in Newport Beach.
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Since 1994, the ADL has bestowed this award on attorneys who make outstanding contributions to the legal profession and to the community. These attorneys further the League's mission to ensure justice is available for everyone.

This year's honorees are recognized leaders within the legal community because of their exemplary contributions. “The three honorees, John, Jeff and Mike are true leaders in the legal community. They have had tremendous accomplishments, exemplifying the ADL mission through their professional achievements and personal commitments to our community;” said Marc Schneider, ADL's chair for the Orange County/Long Beach region.

The Jurisprudence Dinner Committee is made up of individuals who represent the Legal, business, and political communities in Orange County & Long Beach. This year’s Honorary Chair Committee is comprised of prior Jurisprudence Award Honorees. Past honorees who are working to make the event a success are: Honorable, Sheila Prell Sonenshine (Ret.), Honorable Judith Ryan (ret.), Wylie Aitken, Aitken, Aitken & Cohn, Ken Babcock, Executive Director, Public Law Center, Robert J. Cohen, Director, Legal Aid Society, Marjorie Gross Fuller, Law Offices of Marjorie G. Fuller, Martha Gooding, Jones Day, Richard Goodman, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, John Hurlbut, Rutan & Tucker, Phil Kaplan, Manatt Phelps, Jennifer Keller, Keller & Rackaucas, Karla Kraft, Hodel Briggs, Major Langer, Perona, Langer Mendoza, Serbin & Beck, Thomas Malcolm, Jones Day, Mark Minyard, Minyard Morris, Don Morrow, Paul Hastings, Bill O’Hare, Snell & Wilmer, Tom Phelps, Manatt Phelps, Michelle Reinglass, ADR Office of Michelle Reinglass, Crystal Sims, Legal Aid Society, Cindy & Allan Stokke, attorneys, Dean Zipser, Manatt Phelps. The dinner is being chaired by Mike Flynn and Robert Palmer of Gibson Dunn, Andra Greene, Irell & Manella, Wayne Gross, Greenberg Traurig, Ken Julian and Phil Kaplan both from Manatt Phelps & Phillips, David Krinsky and Gary Singer of O’Melveny & Myers, and Arnie Pinkston, General Counsel, Allergan.

Orange County Sheriff –Coroner, Sandra Hutchens will be a special guest of the ADL and will talk about the unique relationship between law enforcement and the Anti-Defamation League.

Tickets to the 2012 Jurisprudence Awards Dinner are $360. For more information please contact the ADL office at (714) 953-2860 or online at www.adl.org/2012jurisprudence. The awards presentation will be preceded by a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is one of the nation’s oldest and most respected civil rights organizations, dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism and all forms of hate, extremism and terrorism. ADL is the nation’s foremost non-governmental authority on extremism and organized hate groups and movements.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:
Sheriff – Coroner Sandra Hutchens
Sandra Hutchens was sworn in as the 12th elected Sheriff-Coroner for Orange County in December of 2010. She began her law enforcement career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 1976. With more than thirty-three years of service in law enforcement, Sheriff Hutchens possesses invaluable experience in nearly every facet of law enforcement. During Sheriff Hutchens’ tenure with the
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, her assignments included working the jails, patrol, investigations and administration. She worked her way through the ranks of deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, commander and, finally, four years as Division Chief for the Office of Homeland Security. She also served as a departmental Legislative Liaison in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Sheriff Hutchens leads more than 3,800 sworn and professional men and women who serve in areas as diverse as Patrol Operations, Criminal and Special Investigations, the County’s Crime Lab and courts, Coroner’s Office, as well as those who serve in Orange County’s five jails that collectively comprise the eighth largest jail system in the nation. The department provides a variety of vital public safety services to our communities. These include direct patrol services to more than 700,000 residents within the county’s unincorporated areas and via contract to twelve municipal cities, the County’s three harbors, John Wayne Airport, and the Orange County Transportation Agency.

Professional affiliations include membership in the National Sheriff’s Association and the Orange County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff’s Association. Sheriff Hutchens also serves as a board member for the California State Sheriff’s Association (Political Action Committee member), the California Police Officers Association and the Girls Scouts of America and the Boy Scouts of America.

Sheriff Hutchens has established a reputation as a highly skilled Executive Manager who effectively directs myriad law enforcement resources needed to provide front line law enforcement services on a regional level. Counter-terrorism training received in Israel, travels to Pakistan and Russia, and leadership training at the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute and the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative course at Harvard University have provided Sheriff Hutchens with the expertise and vision needed to effectively lead an organization as diverse as the Orange County Sheriff’s Department. In addition to leading a department dedicated to providing superior public safety services, Sheriff Hutchens has set very high ethical standards for department members and continually strives to build cross-cultural partnerships and foster solid community relations as a means to earn and keep the public’s trust.

Sheriff Hutchens is a member of ADL's Law Enforcement Advisory Council as well as the ADL Sherwood Prize for Law Enforcement Committee.

John Hueston
Partner, Irell & Manella

Widely regarded as one of the top trial lawyers in the nation, John Hueston possesses unequaled jury trial experience and a stellar record of accomplishment in cases involving white collar crime and government investigations. Hueston has been selected to serve as lead trial counsel by Fortune 500 companies and by governments in a variety of cases, including securities and shareholder class action cases, patent litigation cases, trademark infringement cases, environmental cases, and cases alleging unfair business practices. A former lead prosecutor for the Enron trial of Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling, John also devotes a substantial part of his practice to internal investigations, corporate crisis management and white collar criminal defense. He is co-Chair of Irell & Manella’s Corporate Crisis and White Collar Criminal Defense practice, a member of the firm’s Executive Committee, and tasked by the firm to lead long-term strategic planning.
John is actively involved in the legal community and is the immediate Past President of the Orange County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the California Open Courts Coalition which seeks restoration of court funds. Additionally, John is co-Chair of the ABA White Collar Crime Securities Fraud Subcommittee and a Board Member of the ABA White Collar Committee, West Coast Regional Subcommittee. He also serves as a Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Lawyer Representative. John is also the former president of the Federal Bar Association of Orange County and was a Transition Team Member for California Attorney General Kamala Harris and a member of her Mortgage Fraud Task Force.

The American Lawyer magazine has recognized John as one of the nation's Top 50 Young Litigators and California Lawyer magazine named him a "California Attorney of the Year." Fortune magazine chose John as one of 25 People Who Shaped the Face of Business in 2006. The Los Angeles Daily Journal named him as one of California's 100 most influential lawyers in 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2011 and as a Top 20 California Lawyer Under 40 in 2001. John has been recognized as a leading litigation attorney for white-collar crime & government investigations by Chambers USA Leading Lawyers for Business Guide every year since 2008. He was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for white-collar criminal defense in 2009-2012, as well as the Southern California Super Lawyers list for business litigation from 2006-2012.

John earned his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1991 and his B.A., magna cum laude with Honors, from Dartmouth College in 1986. He is a former law clerk for Frank M. Johnson, Jr., a jurist renowned for his civil rights rulings. He married his college sweetheart with whom he has four children. As a family, they enjoy spending time on the Navajo reservation.

Jeffrey Reeves
Managing Partner
Gibson Dunn

Jeff Reeves is a commercial litigator focusing primarily on clients in the healthcare and technology sectors. He has been with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher his entire career and is currently the managing partner of Gibson’s Orange County office. He was born and raised in Houston, Texas, went to college at Texas A&M University, and earned his law degree cum laude from the University of Houston Law Center. Jeff currently has the privilege of representing clients such as Western Digital, Fluor Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, Allergan, Avanir Pharmaceuticals and Beckman Coulter in matters that are pending currently in State and Federal courts in Orange County, Los Angeles and Delaware. He has also been active in professional and community organizations throughout his career, including: Central District Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (serves on Congressional Outreach Committee) Orange County Business Council, Board member, Executive Committee member and Legal Affairs Committee Chair Hoag Charity Events, Board member Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Board of Governors, Vice President Federal Bar Association, Orange County Chapter, past President Federal Bar Association, National Government Relations Committee, member Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County, President Emeritus Discovery Science Center, Board member Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society Orange County Bar Association, Investment Advisory Sub-Committee UC Irvine Chief Executive Roundtable, Board member
Jeff enjoys spending his free time with his wife, Andrea, and their three kids, Sarah, Rachel and Jake. He loves playing golf and is the immediate past President of El Niguel Country Club.

Mike Yoder  
Partner, O'Melveny & Myers

Mike Yoder, a partner in O'Melveny’s Newport Beach office and head of that office’s Business Trial and Litigation Practice, is an accomplished trial lawyer with a broad range of substantive experience, including securities, trademarks, unfair competition, professional liability defense, business torts, insurance, contract, real estate, land use, and related commercial litigation. Mike is a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and was one of only 10 lawyers to be featured in the National Law Journal’s 2008 “Winning: Successful Strategies from the Nation's Top Litigators” special report. Mike has been selected by his peers as one of “The Best Lawyers in America” for “Bet-the-Company Litigation” and also has been recognized as a “Super Lawyer” and one of Orange County’s “Top 50 Lawyers” in annual surveys conducted by Law & Politics Media Inc. and published in Los Angeles magazine. The 2011 edition of Legal 500 USA recognizes Mike in its Insurance: advice to insurers category, stating that he is able to “provide solid advice and outstanding direction.”

Mike has practiced in Orange County for 30 years and plays a prominent role in the Orange County legal community, having served in numerous leadership positions for a variety of bar and civic organizations, including President of the Orange County Bar Association, the second largest bar association in the State of California with nearly 7,000 members. Mike also has served as a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, as President of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers Orange County Chapter, as Chair of the Orange County Bar Association’s Judiciary Committee, and as President of the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County. Mike also is an Adjunct Professor at the University of California Irvine School of Law, where he teaches Evidence.

Mike has an active trial practice. In recent years, Mike successfully represented Zurich American Insurance Company in a three-week jury trial in the United States District Court for the Central District of California; Quiksilver, Inc. in a three-week jury trial in the United States District Court in the Central District of California; and DC Shoes Corp. in a five-week jury trial in San Diego Superior Court. Mike also recently achieved three decisive wins in a series of international arbitration proceedings between his client, Palmco Corporation, a California-based investment holding company and commodities broker, and JSC Techsnabexport (TENEX), the Russian Federation's chief instrumentality for the export of commercial-grade uranium.

Recognized by Legal500 USA in the advice to Insurers category; Named as one of The Best Lawyers in America – Commercial Litigation; Named one of Orange County’s “Top 50 Lawyers” in surveys conducted by Law & Politics Media Inc

Mike earned his JD at Stanford University, and his BA in political science at the University of Southern California.