

# Press Releases

## O'Melveny Earns Top Ratings in Legal 500 US

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**LOS ANGELES, CA – O'Melveny & Myers LLP** received top-tier rankings in three practice areas and five Firm lawyers were named "Leading Lawyers" in the latest *Legal 500 United States* rankings 2009. Overall, 36 O'Melveny lawyers were recognized across 17 practices in the rankings service's third annual guide covering the US legal market.

The five partners receiving special recognition as "Leading Lawyers" in their practice categories were: Bob Eccles, Joe Calabrese, George Riley, Rich Parker, and Walter Dellinger.

Among the 17 practice areas, O'Melveny achieved the Tier One designation in Labor and employment: ERISA Litigation; Media, technology and telecoms: Film, music, and TV--advice to corporates; and Media, technology and telecoms: Technology: video and online gaming - advice to corporates.

*Legal 500* provides independent commentary on leading law firms and lawyers in more than 90 countries. A complete listing of O'Melveny's results follows:

### Individual Rankings

Matt Kirby (LA) - Finance: Bank lending: National  
Stephen Scharf (CC) - Finance: Bank lending: National  
Dan Passage (LA) - Finance: Structured finance - securitization  
Deb Festa (LA) - Finance: Structured finance - securitization  
Kathy Sanders (LA) - Investment fund formation and management: Private equity funds

Phillip Isom (NY) - Investment fund formation and management:  
Private equity funds  
Bob Eccles (DC) - Labor and employment: ERISA litigation  
Gary Tell (DC) - Labor and employment: ERISA litigation  
Jonathan Hacker (DC) - Litigation: appellate  
Brian Anderson (DC) - Litigation: Product liability and mass tort  
defense: automotive/transport;  
Litigation: Product liability and mass tort defense:  
pharmaceuticals and medical devices  
Tad Allan (LA) - Litigation: Product liability and mass tort defense:  
automotive/transport  
Rich Goetz (DC) - Litigation: Product liability and mass tort defense:  
pharmaceuticals and medical devices  
Seth Aronson (LA) - Litigation: Securities: shareholder litigation  
Brad Butwin (NY) - Litigation: Securities: shareholder litigation  
Amy Longo (LA) - Litigation: Securities: shareholder litigation  
Walter Dellinger (DC) - Litigation: Supreme Court and appellate  
Sri Srinivasan (DC) - Litigation: Supreme Court and appellate  
Charlie Lifland (LA) - Litigation: Supreme Court and appellate  
Darin Snyder (SF) - Litigation: Trade secrets  
David Eberhart (SF) - Litigation: Trade secrets  
George Riley (SF) - Litigation: Trade secrets  
Carolyn Kubota (LA) - Litigation: White-collar criminal defense - full  
service  
Joseph Calabrese (CC) - Media, technology and telecoms: Film,  
music, theater and television - advice to corporates  
Robert Schwartz (CC) - Media, technology and telecoms: Film, music,  
theater and television - advice to corporates  
Christopher Murray (CC) - Media, technology and telecoms: Film,  
music, theater and television - advice to corporates  
Richard Parker (DC) - Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: Antitrust -  
national  
Tim Muris (DC) - Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: Antitrust -  
national  
Douglas Ryder (NY) - Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: M&A:  
national firms - large deals  
Spencer Klein (NY) - Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: M&A:  
national firms - large deals  
Warren Lazarow (SV) - Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: Venture  
capital and emerging companies  
Sam Zucker (SV) - Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: Venture capital  
and emerging companies  
Paul Sieben (SV) - Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: Venture capital  
and emerging companies  
Robert Fisher (LA) - Tax: Domestic tax: West Coast

Robert Blashek (CC) - Tax: Domestic tax: West Coast

Peter Ritter (SF) - Tax: Domestic tax: West Coast

Luc Moritz (LA) - Tax: International firms

Robert Rizzi (DC) - Tax: International firms

### **Practice Rankings**

Tier One: Labor and Employment: ERISA litigation                      Media, technology and telecoms: Film, music, theater and television - advice to corporates

Media, technology and telecoms: Technology: video and online gaming - advice to corporates

Tier Two: Litigation: Supreme Court and appellate

Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: Antitrust - national

Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: M&A: national firms - large deals

Tax: Domestic tax: West Coast

Tier Three: Finance: Structured finance - securitization

Litigation: Product liability and mass tort defense: automotive/transport

Litigation: Product liability and mass tort defense: pharmaceuticals and medical devices

Litigation: Trade secrets

Mergers, acquisitions and buyouts: Venture capital and emerging companies

Tier Four: Investment fund formation and management: Private equity funds

Litigation: Securities: shareholder litigation

Tax: International firms

Tier Five: Litigation: White-collar criminal defense - full service

Tier Six: Finance: Bank lending: National

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