

LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Viacom and O'Melveny & Myers*

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Speakers:

Michael D. Fricklas, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Viacom, Inc.

Brad Butwin, Chair, O'Melveny & Myers LLP



MICHAEL D. FRICKLAS has served in senior management of Viacom's legal department since 1993; since 1998 he has been General Counsel and Secretary, Viacom's most senior legal position. Mr. Fricklas is responsible for the legal affairs of Viacom, home to the world's premier entertainment brands across television, motion pictures, online, and mobile platforms.

At Viacom, Mr. Fricklas plays an integral role in guiding complex transactions and resolving disputes, in coordinating the company's legal and business affairs activities, in corporate governance, and in leading Viacom's Law Department.

Mr. Fricklas received a B.S.E.E. from the University of Colorado's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences in 1981 and a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Boston University School of Law in 1984.

Mr. Fricklas serves as Secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees of Jazz at Lincoln Center, on the Advisory Board of the World Policy Institute, on the Board of Visitors of the Boston University School of Law, as a Co-Chair on UJA-Federation of New York's Entertainment, Media & Communications Division Executive Committee, and was past President of the Association of General Counsel. He serves on Chief Judge Lippman's Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York, the Board of Creative America, and of Arts + Labs, and on the advisory committee of the New York Legal Aid Society. He is the recipient of the Raising the Bar Award from *The Hollywood Reporter*, the Counsel of the Year Award from the Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel, the Excellence in Corporate Practice Award from the Association of Corporate Counsel, and the Jazz for Justice Award from Legal Services NYC, among numerous other awards.



BRADLEY J. BUTWIN is the Chair of O'Melveny & Myers LLP, an internationally acclaimed law firm of 800 attorneys in 16 offices worldwide. O'Melveny ranks fourth on *The American Lawyer's* 2013 "A-List," which recognizes the nation's most "well-rounded" firms in the areas of revenue per lawyer, pro bono commitment, associate satisfaction, and diversity representation. As the former Chair of the Litigation Department, Mr. Butwin helped guide O'Melveny to the finalists' circle of *The American Lawyer's* 2012 "Litigation Department of the Year" competition. It was the sixth consecutive time the Firm has either won, placed among the finalists, or received honorable mention—making O'Melveny one of only two firms in the country to have garnered acclaim in every year of the award's history.

In addition to his leadership roles, Mr. Butwin maintains an active practice as a trial lawyer. His work encompasses a broad spectrum of complex commercial matters, including securities litigation, much of which is focused on representing the country's largest financial institutions.

Chambers USA ranked Mr. Butwin among the top 25 commercial litigators in New York in 2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010, calling him "an excellent strategist" whose clients find him "extremely accessible" with "a cheerful manner that is calming in high-stress situations." Peers, the guide reports, say Mr. Butwin is "a thoughtful, bright guy who obviously pleases his clients," a "practical, smart, hardworking, and client focused" attorney, "a leading expert in complex commercial litigation," and "quick thinking and versatile." The guide also recognizes Mr. Butwin as a leading securities litigator in New York, calling him "very thoughtful and creative" and "well versed in all aspects of securities litigation." Similarly, *Benchmark Litigation* has consistently named Mr. Butwin one of the top securities litigators in the country, commenting that clients "enjoy his good-natured approach to what would normally be high-stress legal issues" and noting that peers call him "impressive in court and elsewhere." Further, *Legal 500* has recognized Mr. Butwin's securities litigation practice for the past three years, noting his big ticket matters and describing him as "enjoyable and very easy to work with." And *Lawdragon* has named Mr. Butwin one of the leading lawyers in America for the past two years, saying, "The chair of O'Melveny's powerhouse litigation practice has his hands full in turbulent times representing financial institutions in securities class actions, subprime cases, and Madoff-related claims."

Mr. Butwin is on the Board of Advisors of The American Society of Legal Writers, and is a member of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Financial Reporting, as well as the Bar Association's Task Force on New Lawyers in a Changing Profession. He is also a member of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. Mr. Butwin has received the Thurgood Marshall Award, presented by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, for his role in freeing a wrongly convicted man from Georgia's death row. He received his J.D. from Fordham Law School in 1985, where he served as Commentary Editor of the *Law Review*, and his B.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1982. Before entering private practice, Mr. Butwin served as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge David N. Edelstein (S.D.N.Y.). For years, Mr. Butwin was a vice president, board member, and director of the premier program of the Albertson Soccer Club in Long Island. He and his wife, Randi, have four children, three of whom have played or are playing Division I soccer at the collegiate level.