

Entertainment

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OVERVIEW

Our team understands the constantly evolving entertainment industry and the unique challenges it presents. We are attuned to the intricacies and sensitivities of representing high-profile, media-savvy clients, and approach each case with a pragmatic, responsive, and strategic mindset. Our goal is to achieve successful, profitable outcomes through diligent and tailored advocacy that meets the specific needs of clients in this dynamic, complex, and highly public industry.

Our experience spans the vast range of entertainment sectors, including film, television, music, and print (both traditional and online/new media). We provide counsel on contract negotiation, intellectual property protection, commercial litigation, personal injury defense, finance and project development, public relations solutions, and risk management. Additionally, we represent venues such as music and film festivals, live music venues, nightclubs, stadiums, rodeo arenas, amusement parks, and theaters.

Our resources extend beyond litigation with assistance to clients with their broader business transaction needs, including entity formation, capital raising, and mergers and acquisitions.

LITIGATION

Our uniquely talented and experienced team covers the wide gamut of litigation in the industry, from copyright and trademark prosecution and defense, infringement actions, rights of publicity, defamation, and to disputes over the use of names and likenesses. We expertly handle professional and personal liability claims, employment disputes such as wrongful termination, sexual harassment, as well as breach of contract, including violations of morals clauses. Our team is skilled at managing commercial litigation, particularly in contract disputes, ownership rights, and royalties, while also offering crisis management and public relations counsel.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOCUS

Protecting intellectual property rights is at the core of our practice. We help clients maximize the value of their copyrights and trademarks through industry-tested agreements covering production, promotion, advertising, licensing, endorsement, talent acquisition, and merchandising. We also enforce intellectual property protections through registration and infringement actions. Our team combines deep knowledge of copyright and trademark law with extensive experience in film, music, television, theater, publishing, and advertising, staying at the forefront of technological developments that continually reshape the IP landscape.

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT FOCUS

In the labor and employment realm, we navigate the unique disputes and issues of the entertainment industry, from negotiating executive, talent, and agency agreements to handling employment board issues and resolving disputes through litigation, arbitration, or mediation. While we are proud of our success in the courtroom, we take equal pride in our ability to resolve matters outside of litigation, often achieving favorable outcomes through alternative dispute resolution.