

Film, Television & Digital Media Development & Production

Sklar Kirsh counsels clients in developing and producing film, television and digital media content. Our experienced attorneys include former general counsels for a “mini-major” studio, a highly successful production company and a global post-production company. We represent development and production companies in all phases of the filmmaking process, including rights acquisition and the optioning of scripts, books, graphic novels, remake/sequel rights, and life story rights. We negotiate writer agreements, individual writing and non-writing producer agreements, and showrunner deals. Our attorneys have relationships with all of the major talent agencies and talent boutique law firms and act in a business affairs capacity to negotiate agreements to hire actors, directors, writers and other creatives. We also offer full production legal services (above-the-line and below-the-line).

Additionally, our entertainment and media attorneys are experienced in counseling clients on co-production deals, production services agreements, first look deals, post-production, vfx, and laboratory agreements, and obtaining production insurance. We have negotiated with all the major guilds and unions and advise on areas such as guild signatory status and negotiating guild residual reserves.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented The Ringer (Bill Simmons Media Group) in podcast and video distribution deals with Luminary and Hulu, respectively.

Represented a television development company in the acquisition of book rights

Handled production agreements for a premium pay cable network’s original series.

Represented an SVOD provider in the acquisition of screenplay and book rights for its original productions.

Represented a production company in a joint venture with a writer/director to develop and produce motion pictures.

Represented a founder/sponsor in a joint venture with a major movie studio for the purpose of developing digital gaming applications that incorporate the studio’s intellectual property.
