No Joke: Current Realities in the Entertainment World

2022 INSTITUTE ON ENTERTAINMENT LAW AND BUSINESS

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8:45 AM – 9:45 AM
The Industry: Trends, Fads and Transformation
Returning once again for his 12th consecutive kick-off presentation, Jeffrey Cole will share insights from his ongoing studies tracking current trends in entertainment. After lockdowns, slowdowns, and speed bumps, what lessons have been learned? And how has the current alignment of companies and players changed? Be prepared to hear answers, conclusions, and suspicions from this tested oracle of the future and the past.

Jeffrey Cole
CEO
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9:45 AM – 10:45 AM
No Laughing Matter: Legal Issues in Representing Comedians
The comedy business isn’t all laughs. Leading experts will explore legal issues confronting Comedians. This panel will examine different sources of revenue streams for Comedians, First Amendment and cancel culture, defamation, joke theft, the conversion of material into TV Series, and the fight over royalties for recordings playing on third party internet sites.

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10:45 AM – 11:00 AM
Networking Break

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The Multi of Metaverse

What is the Metaverse and why are billions of dollars being spent developing it? Who is building it? Is there more than one? Hear about these issues, digital currency and the payment methods that will be adopted, how NFTs and tokenization will affect the transactional landscape, and how the Metaverse will be regulated and policed. Find out how your time in the Metaverse will be monetized, how dealmaking is different and whether cross platforming is possible. Is it time to acquire virtual real estate, outfit your avatar and decorate your room? This panel will highlight the new opportunities the Metaverse will provide to traditional media, emerging companies, brands, artists, influencers, gamers and consumers.

The Music Business is Back: What Does That Mean?

The music industry was devastated by piracy, but now it's roaring back, with 2021 being its biggest year in history. This panel will explore how the industry currently works, and the challenges for artists and companies, from the viewpoint of recorded music, touring, and future opportunities.

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Byron Allen founded Allen Media Group/Entertainment Studios in 1993 and currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. He began his career in comedy and did stints as a writer, stand-up comic, talk show host, and producer before founding and owning his own media company. Mr. Allen was selected for the Bloomberg 50 as one of the people in business, entertainment, finance, politics, technology and science whose accomplishments were particularly noteworthy. He has received numerous other awards for his efforts.

Headquartered in Los Angeles, Allen Media Group owns 36 network affiliate broadcast television stations (ABC-NBC-CBS-FOX) in 21 U.S. markets and twelve 24-hour HD television networks serving nearly 220 million subscribers, including The Weather Channel and plans to debut The Weather Channel Español, the first 24 hour Spanish language weather service. Mr. Allen’s Entertainment Studios is distinguished as the first African-American owned multi-platform media studio producing and distributing wide-release motion pictures and content for all platforms. He proudly calls it the “Walmart of TV.”
Trends in Talent Compensation in the Film and Television Industry

Panelists from all sides of the negotiating table, including reps from an independent studio, a streamer, a talent agency, and a talent attorney, will share trends in talent compensation structures and explore the challenges and opportunities for production and distribution companies as well as for talent in today’s business environment. Our speakers will also discuss their views on how the evolving film and television industry will impact compensation packages in the foreseeable future.

M&A Activity in the Production Company Space

With a record $233 billion in announced deal value last year, the entertainment industry has been consolidating at a blistering pace. Recent robust M&A activity around production companies, in particular, driven by strong interest from private equity and strategic buyers, is the focus of our panel of experts as they examine key issues from the perspectives of the production company, buyer, and financial advisors. Our speakers will discuss latest trends and developments in company valuation, diligence, and the retention of high-profile individuals, among other topics.

Privacy Challenges & Pitfalls in the Entertainment Industry

The entertainment industry is rife with potential privacy risks when dealing with consumer and employee personal information. California has passed several new laws, including the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA), which goes into effect on 1/1/23. These and other state and foreign laws substantially alter risk for media and entertainment companies and give consumers, talent, employees, contractors, and other vendors rights around their data. This panel will provide an overview of privacy, the CCPA and CPRA and provide guidance on how privacy issues impact counseling clients on such things as casting, COVID testing and vaccines, launching a marketing website, and tracking diversity metrics.
Production Incentives: Where Are They and How Do We Access Them

Experienced panelists will explore tax subsidies, credits, and other production incentives available to film and television producers. The panel will also address accessing incentives, working with local production service companies, what producers and studios look for and problems collecting incentives from foreign governments.

The Ethics Factor: Entertainment Malpractice and State Bar Issues

Learn how to avoid State Bar complaints and what to do if it comes calling. Panelists will cover the latest developments in fee agreements and malpractice claims and defenses, with an emphasis on entertainment law.

1 HOUR OF MCLE LEGAL ETHICS CREDIT

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
Networking Break

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Afternoon Panels – Second Session
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The concurrent sessions held at 2:45 PM repeat at 4:00 PM. Attend a second session of your choice!

5:00 PM
Adjournment

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