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Larry Waks represents a broad range of domestic and international clients in the entertainment, media and technology industries.

Larry has substantial experience representing record labels, publishing companies, film studios and producers, video game companies, advertising and public relations companies, artists, bands, songwriters, screenwriters, industry trade groups, merchandising companies, broadcasters, cable networks, and print media throughout the United States and in foreign countries in litigation and transactional matters. He has handled lawsuits involving antipiracy, antibootlegging, and other intellectual property issues, including copyrights, trade secrets, and trademark disputes, in addition to libel and privacy matters. On the transactional side, Larry has negotiated a variety of agreements with record labels, film studios and production companies, publishing companies, content providers, cable and broadcast networks, electronic game companies, advertisers, and fashion companies, among others.

Larry's clients have included Polygram, Island, Motown, Arista, Maranatha Music, Benson Music, Universal, Zomba, KLRU/Austin City Limits, ZeptoLabs, Warner Brothers, Warner Chappell, Creative Artists Agency, Burnt Orange Productions, GSDM/Idea Studios, Harper Collins, Playboy, Zondervan Publishing, Sony Signatures, Traveling Picture Show Company, Levantine Films, Latitude Films, Trinity Film Fund, M3 Films Sherry Matthews Agency, Judith Lieber, and numerous national artists. He is a Past-President of the Texas State Bar Entertainment and Sports Law Practice Section, a member of the New York Bar – Entertainment Practice Section, chair of the litigation division of the ABA, Entertainment & Sports Practice Forum, chair of the copyright committee of the IP section of the Texas State Bar, as well as a voting member of NARAS (the "Grammys") and LARAS (Latin Grammys), and member of the Austin and Dallas Film Societies.

Larry is admitted to practice in Texas and New York, and before the Fifth, Second, and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeal, as well as the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas and the Southern District of New York.

AWARDS

Larry was named a "Texas Super Lawyer" (2003-2010) by Thomson Reuters. He is also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in both the Entertainment and Media Law categories.



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EDUCATION

Mr. Waks received his undergraduate degree from Trinity University and his law degree from St. Mary's University.

LANGUAGES

Mr. Waks speaks fluent Spanish, conversational French and "passable" Russian.