

Proskauer Adds Ten-Attorney Team to its Formidable Entertainment Law Practice, Increases its Commercial Litigation and Criminal Defense Clout

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March 30, 2000 (New York, NY) - In a strategic move that will further enhance its prominence in the entertainment industry, Proskauer Rose LLP announced today that ten attorneys from McCambridge, Deixler and Marmaro LLP ("MDM") will join the firm's Los Angeles office April 1. MDM brings an outstanding array of clients, including record labels (Elektra Entertainment, Elemental Records, and ANTRA Records); motion picture, video, cable, and television companies (USA Networks, NBC, Artisan Entertainment Inc., and Mega Entertainment Inc.); and recording artists (Beck, Black Crowes, Counting Crows, Don McLean, Dr. Dre, Goo Goo Dolls, Smashing Pumpkins, and Snoop Doggy Dogg). The group also represents businesses and individuals in federal and state criminal and administrative matters, including investigations, trials and appeals.

Proskauer has been adding significant depth to its well-established entertainment, new media, and intellectual property practices. Last May, the firm welcomed veteran music industry litigator Charles Ortner and his five partner litigation team, formerly of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker. Ortner's group brought premier clients that included Madonna, Lauryn Hill, Shania Twain, Trent Reznor / Nine Inch Nails, The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, BMG Entertainment, Interscope, Universal, EMI, and The Zomba Group.

Alan Jaffe, Chair of Proskauer, stated, "We're thrilled that these lawyers have decided to join us. Our ongoing agenda is to build the firm, attract the best lawyers and, most importantly, uphold our dedication to excellent client service. This expansion will allow us to better serve our clients on both coasts and reaffirms our 20 year commitment to Proskauer's presence in Los Angeles."

In addition to their dynamic entertainment law specialty, the attorneys joining Proskauer practice white collar criminal defense and related administrative litigation. Their substantial white collar practice focuses on securities litigation, banking, health care, tax and environmental matters. They also represent clients, including broker-dealers, in matters before self-regulatory agencies like the New York Stock Exchange, the National Association of Securities Dealers, and the Chicago Board of Options Exchange. Martin Zohn, Managing Partner of Proskauer's 50-attorney Los Angeles Office stated, "As a result of this move, the LA office will have over 35 litigators. These exceptionally talented lawyers will enhance our powerful presence in entertainment and commercial litigation on both coasts, and they will complete an administrative, securities and white collar criminal defense triad with our New York and D.C. offices."

Joining Proskauer's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department from MDM as Partners are:

- Bert Deixler--Well known in entertainment industry circles for his representation of record companies and recording artists, Deixler's litigation practice encompasses work for financial, securities and real estate companies.
- Richard Marmaro--Marmaro's reputation of defending companies and individuals in administrative investigations in the securities industry and in white collar criminal cases is stellar. Over the last 20 years, he has tried numerous cases in federal and state court nationwide, and has represented executives and managers of several Fortune 500 companies in securities-related administrative matters, and in criminal investigations.
- Lary Rappaport--Rappaport's varied litigation practice includes the representation of professionals, record companies and recording artists in commercial disputes and the representation of insurance companies as plaintiffs against health care providers, lawyers and others who engage in systemic insurance fraud.
- Michael Firestein--Firestein handles a wide range of commercial litigation on behalf of financial institutions, securities brokerages and real estate operating companies, as well as entertainment litigation. Attorneys joining as Senior Counsel are Hayes Michel and Michael Weiss. Associates joining Proskauer are Jonathon Rich, Robert Horn, Melissa Burns, and Kenneth Ingber.

Bert Deixler and Richard Marmaro, speaking on behalf of the group joining Proskauer said, "Our law firm has been courted by many prominent national firms over the last several years, but when we examined the client base, reputation and firm culture, we all knew that Proskauer was a perfect marriage of vision, attorneys, clients, and practice areas."

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