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Sandra Crawshaw-Sparks and Anthony Oncidi Named to Billboard's 2025 Top Music Lawyers List

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LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK, April 21, 2025 – Proskauer, a leading international law firm, is proud to announce that *Billboard* has once again named partners Sandra ("Sandy") Crawshaw-Sparks and Anthony ("Tony") Oncidi to its 2025 "Top Music Lawyers" list, which recognizes the savviest lawyers "on the front lines of the music industry's legal battles." This is the fifth year that both Sandy and Tony have been selected for this recognition.

A well-known entertainment industry litigator with over 37 years of success, Sandy serves as chair of Proskauer's Entertainment, Copyright & Media practice group. She represents the most iconic names in connection with recording, publishing, licensing and management contracts, copyright and trademark infringement claims, unfair competition claims and the rights of privacy and publicity. While she fiercely fights high-profile battles for her clients, Sandy also negotiates pre-litigation and pre-trial resolutions of highly confidential personal and entertainment-related disputes. Her accomplishments include major victories for recording artists, songwriters, record companies and music publishers in a wide variety of litigation and transactional matters. Sandy is also the National Legal Counsel for the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences and has long served as an Advisor to the Executive Committee of the Academy's Board of Trustees, as well as on the Board of Directors of the GRAMMY Museum's Entertainment Law Initiative.

Tony is co-chair emeritus of Proskauer's Labor & Employment Law Department and heads the Firm's West Coast Labor & Employment Group. For decades, he has been the go-to employment lawyer in Los Angeles for A-list music and entertainment clients, representing employers and management in all aspects of labor relations and employment law. Tony consistently scores victories and sets precedents that leave a direct and lasting impact on the entertainment industry while resolving cutting-edge issues confronting employers in and beyond the Golden State. His work includes serving as lead employment counsel for the Recording Academy, handling both counseling and litigation, as well as representing prominent names in music and entertainment such as Sony Music/Columbia Records, RCA, the RIAA, Live Nation Entertainment, Inc., FOX and Creative Artists Agency.

Billboard's annual "Top Music Lawyers" list is curated by *Billboard* editors and features attorneys on the front lines of the music industry's legal battles and deals.

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