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The Firm: This group has developed a remarkably broad client base and regularly represents prominent industry associations, artists, entertainment companies and publishers. The team's attorneys garner particular praise for their copyright expertise and regularly handle contract, trademark and First Amendment disputes. The firm has a strong presence in the sports sector and currently acts as lead counsel for the English Premier League in a high-profile copyright infringement case against YouTube.

Sources Say: "A fantastic team, always well staffed; they understand the industry, and have never let us down."

Key Individuals: Charles Ortner is lauded by clients as "a really brilliant strategist when it comes to litigation." Ortner and the "exceptionally intelligent" Sandra Crawshaw-Sparks are noted for their work in the sector. Both attorneys have recently represented Madonna in connection with two copyright infringement actions pending in Belgium and France, in addition to advising Naomi Campbell in the much-publicized multimillion-dollar litigation with her former agent. Charles Sims focuses on First Amendment, defamation and copyright matters. He currently leads the team in its representation of the Premier League in its ongoing copyright infringement claim against YouTube.

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- **Charles S. Sims**