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THREE DAYS OF
THE BEST ENTERTAINMENT/SPORTS/IP
“WORK HARD-PLAY HARD”

THURSDAY November 14, 2024

ROOM 1

8:00-8:10 [Opening Remarks](#)

Darryl B. Cohen, Founder/Chairman, **Scott Keniley**, Chairman & **Becky Patrick**, Sponsorship Chair

8:10-9:10 [PROJECTING LIVE MUSIC FUTURES: TECH TO TICKETING TO EXPERIENCE](#)

Mod. **Scott Keniley**, Chief Legal Officer, Soundscape, Keniley| Kumar, LLC, Adjunct-Professor, Georgia State University, Atlanta

Johnny Cloherty, CEO/Founder, Songfluencer, Nashville

Bertis Downs, General Counsel, R.E.M., Athens

RJ Romeo, President, Romeo Entertainment, Nashville

Lauren Spahn, Buchalter, Nashville

9:10-9:30 [Empire Music Distribution, Records & Publishing-Going Global with Long Arms](#)

Sarah Beth Gerlec, Counsel, **Empire Distribution | Recordings | Publishing**, Nashville

Vinny Kumar, Keniley | Kumar LLC, SVP. Head of Global Business, **EMPIRE Publishing**, Atlanta, GA

Al "Butter" McLean, Senior VP, Creative Worldwide, **EMPIRE Publishing**, Atlanta

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9:40-10:40 [ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS CAPITAL RAISES- Vehicles & Values](#)

Mod. **Bradley Zimmer**, Attorney, Professor Duke University, Atlanta
Chris Benner, [Bennett Thrasher](#), Atlanta
David Innes, Managing Director, Entertainment Banking, [Georgia Banking Company](#), Atlanta
Harold Flegelman, Adjunct Professor, University of Miami School of Law, Miami
Henry Root, Counsel LLP, Santa Monica
Mark S. Solomon, Katten, Dallas

10:50-11:50 [SOCIAL MEDIA 2024 "Likes, Shares & Legal Scares"](#)

Mod. **Marguerite E. "Becky" Patrick**, Law Office Of Marguerite E. Patrick, Atlanta
Carolynn Beck, Eisner LLP, New York
Kelly Whitehart, [Nelson Mullins](#), Atlanta
Charlotte Towne, Charlotte Towne Law, Miami
Evelyn "Evie" Mimms, Evelyn Mimms Media Group, Inc, Atlanta

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9:40-10:40 [MUSIC PUBLISHING ON A GLOBAL SCALE](#)

Mod. **Doug Colton**, Colton Law Firm, LLC, Nashville

Vinny Kumar, Keniley | Kumar LLC, SVP. Head of Global Business, [EMPIRE Publishing](#), Atlanta, GA
Al "Butter" McLean, SVP, Creative Worldwide, [EMPIRE Publishing](#), Atlanta
Hillel I Parness, Parness Law Firm, PLLC, New York
Kenneth Steinthal, Partner, [King & Spalding](#), San Francisco

10:50-11:50 [MUSIC DEALS 2024: Follow the Royalty Train a/k/a "Show Me The Money"](#)

Mod. **Sarah Beth Gerlecz**, Counsel, [EMPIRE Distribution | Recordings | Publishing](#), Nashville

David Bercuson, Law offices of David Bercuson, P.A., Miami
Alex Heiche, Founder, [Sound Royalties](#), Nashville
Tate Henshaw, CFP, [ARC Business Management](#), Atlanta
Joe Serling, Serling Rooks Hunter McKoy Worob & Averill LLP



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12:00 – 1:00 [2024-Ai REVISITED: End Of Man . . .](#)

[Made Entertainment Or New OPPORTUNITES?](#)

Mod. **Brenton Hund**, Assistant General Counsel, Music, Warner Bros. Discovery, Atlanta

Stephen Easley, Esq. Founder/Director, Allmojo Management, The Buddy Holly Educational Foundation And Trustee, Austin

Scott Keniley, Chief Legal Officer, Soundscape, Keniley | Kumar, LLC, Adjunct-Professor, Georgia State University, Atlanta

Vinny Kumar, Keniley | Kumar LLC, SVP. Head of Global Business, **EMPIRE Publishing**, Atlanta, GA

[2:00 Canal Excursion and Dinner "Dine Around" in Historic Downtown Panama City, Panama-Sign up for Restaurant Choice.](#)

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8:00-9:00 [ETHICS? For the Sake of Your License & Our Profession, Have High Standards.](#)

Mod. Tim Kappel, *Wells-Kappel*, New Orleans

William Henslee, Professor, FAMU, Orlando

Ken Hodges, Judge, Georgia Court Of Appeals, Atlanta

9:00-9:20 [NEXT LEVEL ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS BIZ](#)

[BENNETT THRASHER on Entertainment/Sports Accounting](#)

Chris Benner, *Bennett Thrasher*, Atlanta

Diandria Green, *Bennett Thrasher*, Atlanta

[GEORGIA BANKING CORP on Entertainment/Sports Finance](#)

David Innes, Managing Director, Entertainment Banking, *Georgia Banking Company*, Atlanta

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9:30-10:30 [KICK ASS LITIGATION TACTICS ... "No Wussies Allowed"](#)

Mod. Richard C. Wolfe, Wolfe Law Miami, PA, Miami

Alan S. Clarke, Greenspoon Marder, LLP, Atlanta
Paul LiCalsi, Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt LLC, New York
Julie Wlodinger, Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt LLC, New York
Chris Vlahos, Vlahos Law LLC, Nashville

10:40-11:40 [MUSIC LITIGATION WARS : "Unfiltered & For Mature Audiences Only."](#)

Mod. Christine Lepera, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp, LLP New York

Peter A. Koziol, Assouline & Berlow, Boca Raton
Edwin F. McPherson, McPherson LLP, Los Angeles
Gordon Williams, Lee & Thompson, London

ROOM 2

9:30-10:30 [HOT TOPICS IN SPORTS LAW 2024](#)

Mod. Shannon Ligon, Pretty Smart Law, Florida EASL Chair Elect, Miami

Jonathan Ellin, Counsel, The Weather Channel, Atlanta
Adam Kenner, Kenner Imperato PLLC, Miami
Sylvia A. Kranin, Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, PA, Miami
Tim McIlwain, McIlwain Law Firm, Northfield, NJ
Myles Solomon, Esq., Solomon Sports Management, Atlanta

10:40-11:40 [EMPLOYEE: Are Athletes and/or Artists Employees, ICs or Work for Hire? Restrictions? Covenants?](#)

Mod. Greg Curtner, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, Ann Arbor

Eddie Bradford Jr. CPA, CGMA, Frazier & Deeter, Atlanta
Larry Haber, Law Office of Lawrence H Haber, P.A. Orlando
William Lewis, Barnes & Thornberg, Atlanta



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11:50-12:50 COURT TV: "You Can't Handle the Truth"

Mod. Vinny Politan, Court TV Lead Anchor, Atlanta

Darryl B. Cohen, Cohen, Cooper, Estep & Allen, LLC, Atlanta

Charles D. Mittelstadt, The Mittelstadt Firm, Atlanta

Josh Schiffer, JD Law Group, LLC, Atlanta

Meg Strickler, Conaway & Strickler, PC, Atlanta

12:50 ADJOURN DAY 2: (EXCEPT FOR NEWER ATTORNEYS'
ROUNDTABLE-SEE BELOW)

Dinner on Your own Tonight

ROOM 2

North American Law Summit

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1:00 Annual Newer Attorneys' Roundtable

Moderators:

Connor Edwards, Counsel, Business and Legal Affairs, Cooper Holdings
Reginald Mathews, RPMJ Consulting, Atlanta
Nick Medina, Wolfe Law Miami, PA, Miami
Brittney Trigg, B Trigg Law, PLLC, Ft. Lauderdale
Mason Wolfe, Wolfe Law Miami, PA, Miami
Alvaro A. Arauz, 3a Law Management, Atlanta

Mandatory Attendance by all 2024 scholarship recipients.

(Meet in Conference Room 1 immediately following Ai Panel and Plan for Lunch Roundtable)

Meet our 2024 Scholarship Winner

Ester Animalu, Fordham
Sydney Brazile, New Hampshire
Jordan Craig, Miami
Victoria Edgar, USC
Rachel Farrar, Fordham
Johanna Li, Cornell
Mira Metry, Duke
Danielle Mikaelian, Harvard
Kayleigh Thomas, Florida
Drake Watkins, Tennessee



SATURDAY November 16, 2024

ROOM 1

8:00-9:00 [PROFESSIONALISM-PUSHING THE ENVELOPE: Firm & Attorney Advertising](#)

Mod. **Latonia P. Hines**, Sr. Asst. District Attorney, Dekalb County, Council Member, City of Smyrna, Atlanta

Steve Estep, Cohen, Cooper, Estep & Allen, LLC, Atlanta

David M. Mizrachi Fidanque, MDU Legal, Panama City, Panama

Hon. J. Stephen Schuster, Judge, Former Superior Court, Cobb Circuit, Marietta, GA

Reginald L. Thomas, Kentucky State Senator, Professor *Kentucky State University*, Lexington

9:00-9:20 [We Love The MLC & Akerman](#)

Serona Elton, Head of Educational Partnerships, [The MLC](#), Professor, Chair, Music Industry Department, Frost School of Music, University of Miami, Miami

Mark Passler, [Akerman LLP](#), West Palm Beach

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SATURDAY November 16, 2024

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9:30-10:30 [ADVANCED TRADEMARK & BRANDING FOR GLOBAL COMPANIES](#)

Mod. Mark Passler, [Akerman LLP](#), West Palm Beach

Doug Chanco, JD Law Group, LLC, Atlanta
Marlyn Narkis Assis, MDU Legal, Panama City, Panama
Kimberly D. Kolback, Law Offices Of Kimberly Kolback, Miami
Stephen M. Gaffigan, Stephen M. Gaffigan, PA. Ft. Lauderdale

10:40-11:40 [20TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT CASE LAW UPDATE](#)

Mod. Karl Braun, [Hall Booth Smith, P.C.](#), Nashville

Jason Cooper, The Sladkus Law Group, Atlanta
Serona Elton, Head of Educational Partnerships, [The MLC](#), Professor, Chair,
Music Industry Department, Frost School of Music, University of Miami,
Miami
Rob McNeely, Messer Caparello, PA, Professor, Florida State University
College of Law, Tallahassee

ROOM 2

9:30-10:30 [MOPPING UP: MUSIC PRODUCER MESSES OF 2024](#)

Mod. Brittney Trigg, B Trigg Law, PLLC, Ft. Lauderdale

Lee Morin, Morin Entertainment Law, LLC, Atlanta
Loren Wells, Wells-Kappel, Chicago
Mason Wolfe, Wolfe Law Miami, PA, Miami

10:40-11:40 [NEW WAYS TO SABOTAGE ONLINE](#)

Mod. Daliah Saper, Saper Law, Chicago

Keane Barger, Loeb, & Loeb, Nashville
Anne Fernando, Rashfal & Associates, LLC, Atlanta
Joe Habachy, Joe S. Habachy PC, Atlanta
Carolyn Herman, Carolyn Herman, PLLC, St. Petersburg

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11:50-12:50 "SUMMIT FIVE LIVE" On Location in Panama

The Hottest News from the Hottest Reporters

Anchor: Michael D. Hobbs, Jr, [Troutman Pepper](#), Atlanta
Sports Desk: Alan K. Fertel, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole and Bierman P.L, Coral Gables
Business Insider: DiAndria Green, Esq., [Bennett Thrasher](#), Atlanta
Weather: Brian Roof, General Counsel, The Weather Channel, Atlanta
Fashion Columnist: Joan Davis, Schroder Davis, PLC, Richmond

12:50 ADJOURN DAY 3

7:00 Cocktails & Dinner Ocean Front

Empire After Party & Talent Show immediately Following in the Conference Room.

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