

Sports and Entertainment Law

Shulman Rogers' Sports and Entertainment Group supports clients including athletes, musicians, actors, writers, entertainers, directors, producers and industry related vendor companies. We understand the broad range of issues they face and provide counsel for matters related to contract negotiation and disputes, intellectual property, financing and borrowing, production and rights acquisitions, administrative and regulatory issues and stadium and arena development.

Attorneys across our wide range of practice groups work together to provide clients with the benefit of "one-stop shopping" for their legal services, including business and financial services, intellectual property and commercial litigation.

At Shulman Rogers, we pride ourselves not only on our skilled representation before judges and juries, but also on our tireless efforts to help clients avoid litigation altogether or to resolve contested matters at the earliest possible juncture. Resolving disputes efficiently requires a deep understanding of our clients' businesses and commercial objectives, as well as experience structuring transactions outside of the litigation context. Bringing together this understanding and wealth of experience, combined with an unyielding devotion to expeditiously "shrinking and killing" client problems, our Commercial Litigation Group has an unparalleled track record of successful outcomes.

The Entertainment Practice Group is chaired by musician and former talent agent, Alan Tilles. He has written extensive articles for music industry magazine Goldmine on Tower of Power and the Average White Band, which was included on the band's DVD release. He also served as Executive Producer for the Tower of Power 40th Anniversary DVD and for a music project for Kat Parsons.

In addition to Tower of Power, the roster of entertainers which the firm has worked with on a variety of issues includes five-time Grammy nominee Ambrosia, and Washington, D.C. area favorite Deanna Bogart. The firm has consulted with the estate of legendary guitar player Roy Buchanan, original Tower of Power trumpet player Mic Gillette, Average White Band sax player Fred Vigdor, the Young Dubliners, Mighty Mo Rodgers, Michael Miller (writer of the theme song for the TV show Solid Gold), singer Jason Malachi, and the sons of actor Adrian Zmed, on their music projects. The Firm has also reviewed contracts involving appearances by Tito Jackson (of the Jackson 5) and Fab Morvan (of Milli Vanilli).

The Firm's Entertainment Practice extends beyond music. Included in the roster of client representation is one of the nation's foremost close-up magicians, Jamy Ian Swiss. We have also reviewed and provided counseling on numerous TV, film and book projects. This work has encompassed negotiating contracts for client appearances on national TV network reality shows.

As a musician, Alan has appeared on stage with a wealth of Classic Rock artists, including Ambrosia, Marty Balin (Jefferson Airplane), John Ford Coley (England Dan & John Ford Coley), Orleans, Gary Wright and others. In 2018,

he appeared on the CD by East Bay Soul, featuring former members of Tower of Power.

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