



Craig A Emanuel

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Craig Emanuel is the chair of the firm's global Entertainment and Media practice and is based in the Century City office. He is a seasoned entertainment lawyer and is widely recognized in the industry as an innovative dealmaker and efficient problem-solver. Having been involved in the production, development, and distribution of hundreds of motion picture and television projects, Mr. Emanuel has built his career by bringing together the right artists and business partners to translate creative vision into on-screen reality.

Mr. Emanuel works with high-level writers, directors, actors, producers, and production companies to navigate studio and independent film, television, and digital opportunities in an evolving entertainment landscape. In addition to negotiating top-tier talent agreements, he handles domestic and international transactions across all platforms, helping to create strategic alliances for clients by advising them on complex digital media content licensing arrangements, as well as on film and television investments. His diverse experience also includes the creation and launch of a new television network and work with advertisers and media clients on branded entertainment projects.

Clients value Mr. Emanuel's hands-on approach, calm and composed nature, and dedication to finding a solution to any conflict. His dealmaking has been recognized by *The Hollywood Reporter's* "Power Lawyers Top 100" list, *Variety's* "Dealmakers Impact Report," *Chambers USA*, and other industry trade publications and legal directories. Mr. Emanuel's approach and dedication extend beyond his legal career to his role on the advisory board of Chrysalis, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing the resources and support needed for homeless and low-income individuals to find and retain

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Practice Areas

Entertainment and Media
Impact and Sustainability
Entertainment and Media
-- Finance and
Restructuring
Client Representation in
Asia
Entertainment and Media
-- Talent

Admissions

California Bar

Education

Monash University,
B.Juris 1979
Monash University, LL.B.
1981

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employment.

Accolades and Recognitions

- Named “Top Entertainment Attorney” in Variety’s “Legal Impact Report” (2013–2020)
- Named in The Legal 500 US in Media & Entertainment, (2017 edition)
- Named among “Top Entertainment Lawyers” in California by the Daily Journal (2014–2015)
- Highest “AV Preeminent (5 out of 5)” Professional Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory
- Named an “IP Star” by Managing Intellectual Property magazine (2013–2015)
- Named as a ScreenSingapore Ambassador (2011)
- Named “Top Lawyer” in The Hollywood Reporter, ESQ.’s “Power Lawyers Top 100” list (2011–2013 and 2015–2020)
- Named “Top Dealmaker” in Variety’s “Dealmakers Impact Report” (2008, 2013–2014, and 2017–2018)
- Named “Best Lawyer” in Entertainment Law, The Best Lawyers in America (2006–2018)
- Named in Chambers USA, “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business,” in California Media & Entertainment (2007–2020 editions)
- Named “Southern California Super Lawyer” in Entertainment & Sports by Thomson Reuters (2007–2018)
- Named “New Star” by Lawdragon 500 (2006)

Professional and Community Involvement

- Advisory Board Member, Chrysalis
- Board Member, Creative Community for Peace

Education

- Monash University (Melbourne, Australia), LL.B., 1981
- Monash University (Melbourne, Australia), Bachelor of Jurisprudence, 1979

News

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December 23, 2020

Craig Emanuel Named to Prestigious Variety500 Index

December 11, 2020

Paul Hastings Recognized in Variety's Dealmakers Impact Report

October 19, 2020

Producer Michael Seitzman brings Detroit Youth Choir to TV

October 09, 2020

Netflix wins auction for The Lumistella Company's 'The Elf On The Shelf'

October 01, 2020

Four Paul Hastings Partners Named Sports & Entertainment Law Trailblazers by The National Law Journal

July 15, 2020

Paul Hastings Recognized in 2020 Variety's Legal Impact Report

May 01, 2020

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2020

April 09, 2020

Paul Hastings Recognized in 2019 Variety's Legal Impact Report

March 30, 2020

Three Paul Hastings Partners Named "Power Lawyers" in The Hollywood Reporter's 2020 "Power Lawyers" List

February 04, 2020

Hulu Acquires "Bad Hair" from Sight Unseen Pictures

November 07, 2019

Lights, Camera, Action: Paul Hastings Expands Entertainment and Media Practice in Europe

May 01, 2019

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Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2019

December 07, 2018

Paul Hastings Recognized in 2018 Variety's Dealmakers Impact Report

May 11, 2018

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2018

March 20, 2018

Paul Hastings Expands Entertainment and Media Practice with Addition of Five Preeminent Entertainment Partners and Opening of Office in Century City

Rankings & Awards

October 05, 2020

Recognized in The National Law Journal's Sports & Entertainment Law Trailblazers

July 14, 2020

Recognized in Variety's 2020 Legal Impact Report

May 01, 2020

Recognized by Chambers USA 2020

March 30, 2020

Recognized in The Hollywood Reporter's Power Lawyers 2020

April 26, 2019

Ranked by Chambers USA 2019

April 09, 2019

Recognized in Variety's Legal Impact Report

March 28, 2019

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Recognized in The Hollywood Reporter's Power Lawyers 2019

December 07, 2018

Recognized in Variety's Dealmakers Impact Report

November 30, 2018

Recognized as a Top 20 Dealmaker by The Hollywood Reporter

May 15, 2018

Recognized by Chambers USA 2018

April 18, 2018

Recognized in Variety's Legal Impact Report

April 03, 2018

Recognized in The Hollywood Reporter's Power Lawyers 2018