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Attorney Bryan Freedman litigates for large and small Internet-based entertainment companies, motion picture and television companies, production companies, talent agencies, actors, personnel and business management firms, and others in the industry.

He represents UTA in the dispute over the controversial move of 13 CAA agents to the firm. In March 2016, he filed a suit against CBS on behalf of Rebel Entertainment to recoup commissions since 2010 from the reality television show "Judge Judy." Other recent cases include his representation of Das Films in a breach of contract suit against Bliss Media involving the film "Smart Chase," and of agency Gold Levin Talent in its suit against actor Jonathan Goldsmith (the Dos Equis "Most Interesting Man in the World") for unpaid commissions.

He is representing Kate Porter, girlfriend of "The Simpsons" late co-creator Samuel Simon, in her suit against his estate to receive \$5 million she alleges Simon promised to her before his death. Other clients include celebrity blogger Perez Hilton, actor Taryn Manning, the production company Benderspink ("The Butterfly Effect," "The Hangover" trilogy) and talent agency Seven Summits Pictures & Management.

Freedman and his partner, Michael Taitelman, met while in law school at the University of California at Berkeley, and started their firm in 1997. An entertainment litigator since 1991, he has been a Southern California Super Lawyer for nine years running, and was named in Variety's 2015 Legal Impact Report.



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What's the best piece of advice you've been given in your career?

"The moment that you will have a chance at success is when you stop waiting for others to do it for you."

What or who inspires you?

"My beautiful wife Denise who is always full of compassion and searches for the gift in every situation while tirelessly taking care of and unconditionally loving and supporting two talented children and another grown child (me)."