

Variety's Legal Impact Report 2021

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Working through the pandemic, legal eagles made an impact in entertainment, helping showbiz artists in their endeavors



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Freedman has been at the center some of Hollywood's highest profile employment matters, repping Gabrielle Union in her suit against NBCU, Simon Cowell and

Fremantle for racial discrimination on "America's Got Talent"; and Chris Harrison in his dispute with WarnerMedia and ABC over his departure from "The Bachelor." He's also handling Thalia Barnett's (aka, FKA Twigs) suit against Shia LaBeouf alleging domestic violence and Nicole Young's suit against her estranged husband, Dr. Dre, over the transfer of trademarks she claims are community property.

Super-Villains or Scapegoats? "Studios are blaming certain individuals for a systemic problem, thinking they can cut out that individual and that's going to solve it," Freedman says.



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