

Power Lawyers 2022: Hollywood's Top 100 Attorneys

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Melissa Fox with clients Michael Che and Kate McKinnon photographed on March 15 at Warehouse Studios in Brooklyn. When it comes to comedy, Fox's roster of funny clients means serious business. Along with SNL standouts like McKinnon and Che, Fox's lineup also includes Hasan Minhaj and Lilly Singh. Says Fox, "The thing that I think my clients like about me the most is that I will never stop fighting for them." PHOTOGRAPHED BY AARON RICHTER



As Hollywood looks to rebound on the tail end (hopefully) of a global pandemic and reinvent its business practices amid the new normal, it's the entertainment industry's top 100 attorneys who are settling the strife between studios and stars over blockbuster streaming releases, navigating big-ticket mergers while fending off the government's antitrust ire, and exploring cutting-edge issues involving NFTs and the metaverse. **THR**

Bryan Freedman



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Freedman is an expert in crisis litigation, the type that's heavy in late night phone calls and corporate drama. He represented Mike Richards and Chris Harrison in their respective employment disputes with Sony over *Jeopardy!* and WarnerMedia/ABC over *The Bachelor*. Now he's repping Chris Cuomo as the former CNN anchor responds to his termination. "How do employers police their own?" Freedman asks. "What kind of due process is there?" And then there's Quentin Tarantino, who was sued by Miramax over NFTs he was involved in releasing that were based on his *Pulp Fiction* screenplay — an area of law Freedman expects will "become really big in Hollywood."

Show I'm excited about ... "I'm looking forward to *Pachinko* on AppleTV+."

If I weren't a lawyer, I'd be ... "I think I would run a summer camp. The only problem is being a lawyer causes so much fear about the liability of a summer camp."

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