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Real Stories, Real Risks: Vetting for Defamation and Privacy Issues in Fact-Based Content

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Litigation Partner and Deputy General Counsel David Halberstadter will speak on the "Real Stories, Real Risks: Vetting for Defamation and Privacy Issues in Fact-Based Content" webinar at 12:00 p.m. (PT) on Tuesday, April 28. The webinar will discuss the legal issues of fact-based film and television content, as producers navigate a minefield of defamation, privacy, and right of publicity claims, from prestige limited series dramatizing real-world scandals to documentaries that name names and assign blame.

The panel will bring together five seasoned content attorneys to walk through the full arc of the vetting process for fact-based content, from pre-production through marketing and release. The discussion will cover topics such as: how rights acquisition decisions shape legal exposure; the evolving standards for defamation and privacy claims against public and private figures; how courts are treating disclaimers (and when they don't help); the unique risks of composite characters and ancillary figures; and the practical challenges of ensuring legal guidance reaches not just producers and editors, but also casting, marketing and talent.

Learn more about the "Real Stories, Real Risks: Vetting for Defamation and Privacy Issues in Fact-Based Content" webinar.

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