

David Halberstadter Recognized as Top Intellectual Property Lawyer by the *Daily Journal*

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Litigation partner David Halberstadter has been named a 2019 Top Intellectual Property Lawyer by the *Daily Journal*. The award recognizes California attorneys for their cutting-edge IP legal work. In an article announcing the recognition, the publication focused on his prosecution and litigation of cases for prominent entertainment companies, including his successful representation of STX Entertainment in a temporary restraining order filed in New York federal court. According to David, the plaintiff, Sesame Workshop, claimed his client's movie tagline, "No Sesame. All Street." infringed its Sesame Street trademark. The movie "The Happytime Murders," David and his team argued, was too different to be mistaken for the iconic kid's brand. The judge denied the TRO, and the Sesame Workshop dismissed its lawsuit.

With the increased demand for more content, clients are asking counsel to look at chain of title issues. "They want to make sure the party who they are using," said David, "actually owns those rights and that there are no restrictions."

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