

Entertainment and Media Group Named Practice Group of the Year by Law360

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Katten's Entertainment and Media group was named “Practice Group of the Year” by Law360 for the second year in a row.

Michael Hobel, head of the Entertainment and Media practice, attributed the group's repeated success to continued hard work and staying on top of what's important in the entertainment business. Partner David Halberstadter added, “One of the things that I think distinguishes our firm is just how much experience we have with a wide range of entertainment companies, entertainment products and entertainment-related legal issues. It's how seamlessly the transactional and litigation attorneys work together, whether it's on a deal, a potential dispute or during an actual dispute. We meet, we talk, we brainstorm.”

Law360 noted the team's work in engineering the sale of the NBA's Sacramento Kings to an ownership group that kept the team in California, defense of Lance Armstrong in a lawsuit over the cyclist's autobiography, representation of The Weinstein Co. in a dispute with Warner Bros. regarding the title of *Lee Daniels' The Butler* and successful defense of NBCUniversal Inc. over challenges to its show *Animal Practice*.

Katten has one of the nation's premier, full-service entertainment and media practices, covering both litigation and transactional matters. The Entertainment and Media practice combines extraordinary skill, industry knowledge and a commitment to service as they provide clients with the counsel they need to successfully operate their businesses.

The group's accomplishments are recognized in the January 28, 2014, issue of Law360.

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