



## Partner Alan Friedman Quoted in *Los Angeles Times* on MPAA Film Ratings Appeals

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Alan Friedman, a partner in the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice, was quoted in a *Los Angeles Times* article on the recent increase in the number of filmmakers seeking to overturn the initial ratings for their movies. The Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) has heard eight appeals so far this year—more than double the amount the MPAA heard for movies released in 2011. "Maybe it's just that there's more familiarity with the process," says Mr. Friedman. "Whether it's easier or harder to prevail, I don't know for sure. But the decisions themselves are getting more publicity." Mr. Friedman has been involved in several recent appeals, including the successful 2010 overturning of the NC-17 rating for the film "Blue Valentine." ("[More MPAA Film Ratings Being Appealed in 2012](#)," March 23, 2012)

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