



# Amy Stein Simonds

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## legal expertise

Amy Stein Simonds' practice focuses on transactions for documentary and narrative films, television, podcasts, and digital media. She acts as business affairs and legal counsel for studios, networks, financiers, and production companies in all aspects of rights acquisition and licensing, development, production loans and equity financing, production, co-productions, production services, and sales and distribution. Amy has provided production, finance, and distribution legal counsel for more than 100 studios, streaming platforms, and independently financed productions, mostly advising throughout the evolution of a project, from development all the way through exploitation.

Amy's production experience extends into foreign co-productions and advising on U.S.-based guild requirements and the signatory processes. In addition, on the talent side, she advises writers, directors, producers, on-screen talent, and department heads, and she works hand in hand with managers and agents.

## honors & awards

- "One to Watch, Entertainment and Sports Law," *Best Lawyers in America*® (2024-2026)
- "One to Watch, Intellectual Property," *Best Lawyers in America*® (2026)
- "Hollywood New Leader," *Variety* (2023)
- "Rising Star, Entertainment + Sports" New York *Super Lawyers* (2023-2025)
- "Dealmakers Impact Report – Up Next," *Variety* (2020)
- "Legal Impact Report," *Variety* (2026)

## practice areas

entertainment transactions  
intellectual property

## admissions

New York

## education

Pace University School of Law (J.D., 2014)

University of Southern California, School of Cinematic Arts (B.F.A., 2009)

## other career experience

- Partner, Pryor Cashman
- Partner, Cowan, DeBaets, Abrahams & Sheppard LLP
- Associate, Gray Krauss Sandler Des Rochers LLP

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## headlines

Eleven MSK Attorneys Named to *Variety's* 2026 "Legal Impact Report"  
*Variety*, April 8, 2026

Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp Strengthens Entertainment Transactions Practice with Addition of New York Media & Entertainment Partner  
April 6, 2026

Amy Stein Simonds Quoted in *Los Angeles Times* on Potential Hollywood Writers' Strike  
*Los Angeles Times*, February 23, 2023

## publications

- Adventures in Hospitality Brand Advertising in Film and TV  
*Hotel Executive*, June 2024

## events & speaking engagements

12th Annual Penn Carey Law Entertainment & Sports Law Society (ESLS) Symposium  
March 20, 2025