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## legal expertise

Jake Albertson is the Office Managing Partner of MSK's New York office. He has extensive experience in all stages of litigation and arbitration, including trials in state and federal courts, hearings before the Copyright Royalty Board (CRB), and arbitration proceedings before JAMS and AAA. He represents companies and individuals in a broad range of industries, including film & television, music, media, and technology. Jake's practice focuses on complex issues relating to intellectual property, employment law, and commercial disputes.

## representative matters

### Intellectual Property Litigation

- Obtained post-trial judgment as a matter of law dismissing copyright infringement claim, on behalf of record companies, publishers, and songwriters of a hit pop song. Decision was affirmed on appeal. (*Gray v. Perry*, C.D. Cal., 9th Cir.)
- Secured hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties on behalf of producers and distributors of copyrighted television programming following a 5-week evidentiary hearing before the CRB. Delivered closing argument advocating for our clients' proffered allocation methodology, which the Judges adopted in crafting the final award.
- Obtained dismissal of copyright infringement claims relating to hit pop songs on behalf of major recording artists, songwriters, and record labels.
- In a dispute over music publishing rights, obtained an order of sanctions, which required opposing counsel to pay our client's attorneys' fees.

### Employment Litigation

## practice areas

intellectual property  
copyright royalty board  
entertainment & ip  
litigation  
labor & employment  
employment litigation &  
counseling  
litigation  
commercial litigation  
securities litigation

## admissions

New York

## education

University of Pennsylvania  
School of Law, J.D., 2010

Brown University, B.A.,  
Sociology, 2005

## other career experience

- Associate, Litigation, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (2011-2016)
- Fellowship in Civil Rights Law, Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing & Feinberg LLP (2010-2011)

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- Represent producers, distributors, and broadcasters in employment lawsuits brought by former participants in an enormously popular reality television franchise.
- Represent film and television production companies in a putative class action brought under the New York State and City Human Rights Laws.
- Represent a multinational mass media and entertainment company in a putative class action brought under the Fair Labor Standards Act and related state laws.
- Obtained dismissal of federal and state discrimination and retaliation claims on behalf of a multinational mass media and entertainment company.

### **Commercial Litigation**

- Obtained dismissal on behalf of a financial news publisher in a class action lawsuit which sought to hold the publisher liable for purported violations of the Investment Advisors Act and related state statutes. (*Lingley v. Seeking Alpha*, S.D.N.Y.)
- Obtained a complete victory on behalf of celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay in a contentious, years-long litigation over the closure of Ramsay's Los Angeles restaurant. At the end of a two-week trial in New York, the Court not only dismissed all claims against Ramsay (including the plaintiff's demand for \$10 million in damages), but also ruled in favor of Ramsay on his counterclaims, awarding over \$1 million in damages and over \$4 million in attorneys' fees. The Court rejected the plaintiff's allegations of misconduct by Ramsay, and found that the plaintiff, not Ramsay, was dishonest, disreputable, and entirely at fault. The trial Court's findings were upheld on appeal. (*Seibel v. Ramsay*, N.Y. Sup. Ct. & 1st Dep't.)
- As lead counsel for an emerging biotechnology company in an action concerning potential disclosure of trade secret information, defeated the plaintiff's application for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction. Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed their complaint the day after the Court denied their preliminary motion.
- Obtained dismissal of claims for breach of contract and fraud on behalf of a multinational mass media and entertainment company.
- Represented one of the world's largest chemical companies in litigation concerning Covid-related force majeure declarations and other commercial disputes.
- As co-lead counsel, obtained a \$4 million award for a green energy investor following a seven-day arbitration.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice of tort claims against a golf club manufacturer and related companies.

Provide pro bono litigation and counseling services regarding various issues, including intellectual property, housing, and family law.

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## honors & awards

- "Client Service All-Star," BTI Consulting Group (2024, 2025)
- "Pro Bono Publico Award," Legal Aid Society (2012-2013)

## headlines

Three MSK Attorneys Named As 2025 BTI "Client Service All-Star"  
*BTI Consulting Group*, August 15, 2025

MSK Highlighted in *Law360* for Win in *Lingley et al. v. Seeking Alpha Inc.*  
*Law360*, August 15, 2024

Jacob Albertson Named As a 2024 BTI "Client Service All-Star"  
June 4, 2024

MSK Scores Win for Client Gordon Ramsay  
*Page Six*, May 16, 2022

## media mentions

Adam Levin and Jacob Albertson Mentioned in *Variety* for Role in High-Profile Subpoena Dispute  
*Variety*, June 10, 2025

MSK Highlighted in *Law360* for Win in *Gray v. Hudson Case*  
*Law360*, December 16, 2022

Christine Lepera and MSK Team Highlighted in *Billboard* Involving Major Win for Dr. Luke  
*Billboard*, March 11, 2022

Christine Lepera and MSK Team Highlighted in *Law360* for Major Victory Involving 'Dark Horse'  
*Law360*, March 10, 2022

## events & speaking engagements

Mondo.NYC Music & Tech Law Symposium  
October 18, 2019

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