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legal expertise

Andrew Nietes is a litigation associate in MSK's New York office with a focus on copyright, trademark, and trade secrets matters. He represents plaintiffs and defendants in the entertainment, media, technology, and e-commerce sectors across all stages of litigation, from pre-dispute advisory services through trial, in state and federal courts as well as regulatory settings. Andrew also offers strategic advice on copyright and trademark agreements, licenses, and DMCA policies.

representative matters

- Attained summary judgment for a major film studio and comic book publisher in a copyright infringement suit related to the film *The Batman*.*
- Represented vehicle company in appeal of trademark infringement and registration case to the Fourth Circuit.*
- Represented career building website bringing claims of copyright infringement and unfair competition against operator of a copycat website.*
- Defended major social media platform against claims of music copyright infringement.*
- Defended leading e-commerce company against claims of copyright and trademark infringement.*
- Defended popular video game company against claims of music copyright infringement.*
- Litigated rate-setting proceeding before the Copyright Royalty Board for a major music streaming company.*
- Represented pharmaceutical companies jointly bringing claims for trade secrets misappropriation, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty resulting in favorable verdict following bench trial.*

practice areas

intellectual property
copyright royalty board
entertainment & ip
litigation
trademarks & brands
litigation
specialties
video game

admissions

California
New York
U.S. Court of Appeals
Second Circuit
U.S. District Court
Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court
Northern District of California
District of Colorado
Eastern District of New York
Southern District of New York

education

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D. (2020), *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, Thomas F. Reddy Jr. Prize for highest grades in courses in intellectual property
- Associate Editor, Fordham Intellectual

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**Indicates matters handled prior to joining MSK.*

honors & awards

- "Ones to Watch," *Best Lawyers in America*® in Intellectual Property Law (2026)
- Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy, New York City Trial Lawyers Alliance (2019)

headlines

37 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2026 *Best Lawyers*, August 21, 2025

client alerts

New York State Legislature's Preliminary Response to AI: Disclosure of "Synthetic Performers" in Advertising and Expanded Prohibitions on "Digital Replicas" of Deceased Performers
MSK Client Alert, December 18, 2025

Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal

- New York University, B.M. (2016), *summa cum laude*

other career experience

- Associate, Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu, P.C.
- Associate, Latham & Watkins LLP
- Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy, Fordham University School of Law
- Emerging Talent Associate, Atlantic Records
- N.Y.C. Bar Diversity Fellow & Legal Intern, New York Life Insurance
- Business & Legal Affairs Intern, Sony Music Entertainment