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MSK Partners Christine Lepera, David Steinberg, Bradley Mullins, and Gabriella Ismaj were named to *Variety's* "Music Legal Elite" list, published on July 30, 2025.

*From the article...*

The MSK quartet is a go-to for litigating high-profile music industry disputes. Lepera won two copyright lawsuits for Dua Lipa regarding her hit song "Levitating," obtaining a summary judgment in one case and a dismissal with prejudice in the other. Steinberg successfully defended copyright infringement claims involving Nickelback's "Rockstar" and GloRilla's "Tomorrow" and "Tomorrow 2." Recently, Mullins defended Warner Music Group subsidiary Uproxx in a class action suit alleging violations of the Video Privacy Protection Act, and Ismaj scored wins for the estate of Juice WRLD and Universal Music Group in copyright and breach of contract claims. Other recent clients include Timbaland, Fat Joe and Drake.

**It's not all about AI, folks:** From copyright infringement and trademark disputes to litigation over management and band break ups, "there's a whole panoply of things that are kind of going on and will always be going on that is maybe not as sexy and not as the topic this year," says Lepera.

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