



msk finalizes deal for cbs to share csi franchise

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MSK represented CBS Corporation in closing a comprehensive agreement with a private equity fund ("Fund") governing their partnership in the CSI franchise, which includes the television series entitled "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "CSI: Miami," and "CSI: NY."

Under the agreement, CBS will assume worldwide distribution of the CSI franchise and be responsible for future sales worldwide, splitting all profits with the Fund.

"Working for the CBS team headed by Jonathan Anshell and Sue Akens was a joy. This transaction resolved complex corporate and intellectual property issues and will enable CBS to benefit greatly from the complete control of the CSI franchise," Patricia Mayer added.

"All of the outside lawyers on both sides deserve a great deal of credit for the completion of this groundbreaking and at times complicated transaction," commented Jonathan Anshell, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, CBS. "We could not have been happier with the excellent representation we received from Patty Mayer and her colleagues at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp."

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