



Spotlight on Arts and Entertainment Law in 2026

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DESCRIPTION

Join us online for a half-day CLE program exploring essential topics in the ever-evolving world of arts and entertainment law. We'll examine the growing impact of artificial intelligence on creative industries, as well as the increasing importance of tax considerations for artists and non-profit arts organizations. Whether you're advising clients or working within the field, this program offers valuable insights into the legal challenges and exciting changes shaping the arts today.

FACULTY

- Benjamin Hodges** - Foster Garvey PC, Seattle
- Adan Jimenez** - Apex Law Group PLLC, Seattle
- David Lawson** - Perkins Coie LLP, Seattle
- George Ptasinski** - Apex Law Group PLLC, Seattle
- Dr. Leron Vandsburger** - Thermo Fisher Scientific, Seattle

SCHEDULE

8:40 a.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens

8:55 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions

- Sally Romero** - Washington State Bar Association, Seattle

9:00 a.m. > IP Basics for Arts and Entertainment - Part I

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP

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10:00 a.m. > Break

10:15 a.m. > IP Basics for Arts and Entertainment - Part II

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11:15 a.m. > Keeping Nonprofits Compliant in Changing Times

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP

Learn more about recent developments in tax and regulatory compliance for nonprofit organizations, as well as strategies for minimizing nonprofits' compliance risks in the current environment.

- David Lawson** - Perkins Coie LLP, Seattle

12:15 p.m. > LUNCH on Your Own

1:15 p.m. > Redefining Innovation in the Era of Artificial Intelligence

60 minutes, 1.0 credit L&LP

Generative AI technologies, including large language models, image generators, and code assistants, are rapidly reshaping the intellectual property (IP) landscape in the United States. Current U.S. jurisprudence maintains a firm stance: under both patent and copyright law, only human beings can be inventors or authors. However, works or inventions generated autonomously by AI, without meaningful human involvement, are considered unprotectable and default to the public domain when released to the public. For legal professionals, this evolving environment demands proactive strategies. Understand both the jurisprudence and legal strategies.

- Dr. Leron Vandsburger** - Thermo Fisher Scientific, Seattle

2:15 p.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations

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