

Overview

Media and Entertainment

When major Hollywood studios need a Canadian law firm, they call Dentons. When leading-edge digital platforms want advice on Canadian entertainment law, they call Dentons. When lenders need advice on how to structure their financings, they call Dentons. And when independent producers, sports organizations, media companies or individual artists and performers have contract negotiations in Canada, they call us.

Dentons has the largest media and entertainment practice in Canada with the largest number of lawyers who are recognized by *Expert* and *Best Lawyers* as leading entertainment lawyers in Canada.

Whether it's a complicated tax structure, a unique funding arrangement, a complex distribution deal or the drafting of a multi-party service contract, the North American sports and entertainment industry and its funders know that, in Canada, Dentons has the unique technical strength and experience they need. The deals we love are the ones no one has worked through before.

Effective tax planning is critical to cross-border transactions in any industry. Dentons Canada has a unique depth of tax experience in the media, entertainment and sports industries.

Many aspects of the entertainment industries are subject to federal and provincial regulation. We have considerable experience in dealing with Canadian Heritage, CAVCO, Creative BC, Ontario Media Development Corporation, SODEC and other regulators. We have also been centrally involved in the creation and the evolution of the film and video tax credits in Canada and the leading production provinces.

All this is backed by the depth and breadth of a full-service, forward-thinking global firm. We think like business people and involve lawyers from our offices around the world who can best help our clients achieve their objectives.

Sports

The knowledge and experience of our Sports team spans the entire spectrum of professional sports. From football, hockey, soccer, baseball, racing and Olympic facilities, we have worked with owners, lenders, investors, and governing bodies across all sports.

Our Sports team is fully integrated across all departments and throughout our international network of offices. Dentons unique polycentric platform allows us to provide consistently high quality sports advice across the US and Canada and around the world.

Our hockey experience is incomparable, having led over 20 acquisitions and financings of NHL teams and arenas in the US and Canada. We are the market leaders and preferred choice of owners, buyers and lenders for NHL transactions.

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