LIGHTS, CAMERA, LAWYERS! CAPES SOKOL ADDS STAR POWER TO ITS ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA GROUP

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Capes Sokol proudly announces that it has added two attorneys, <u>Gary A. Pierson</u> and <u>Danielle M. Durban</u>, to its <u>Entertainment and Media group</u>. Collectively, these attorneys have over 30 years of experience, and their addition marks a significant milestone for the group.

"Our new colleagues have tremendous reputations in the St. Louis community and beyond, and we are confident they will make significant contributions to the success of Capes Sokol," said <u>Pete Salsich</u>, the firm's Entertainment and Media group chair. "With our combined experience and collaboration, our team is an entertainment and media powerhouse that is well-equipped to handle any legal challenges our clients may face in the constantly evolving landscape of entertainment and media law."

In addition to their extensive experience in entertainment law, Pierson, Durban, and Salsich all have in-house counsel experience, giving them a unique perspective on the business needs of their

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clients.

Capes Sokol's Entertainment and Media practice group has a rich history of providing clients with high-quality legal services in the areas of film, television, music, stage, advertising and Salsich and Senior Counsel Michael Kahn have represented clients in high-profile entertainment matters involving comic books, music copyrights, films and tattoos, as well as extensive television production legal matters. With the addition of Pierson and Durban, the group adds Grammy winners, global celebrities, and international marketing and advertising giants to its expansive list of clients.

"Our goal is to really expand our services in the music and stage industries, as well as advertising, and promote cross-collaboration between our clients," said Salsich. "We can handle just about anything, including the various business structures behind the screen, stage or studio. We are excited to expand our services both in St. Louis and nationwide."

"Having already spent my career learning from and working with the likes of Mike Kahn and Pete Salsich - formidable attorneys with precedent-setting cases and careers to back up such a claim - I'm excited to return to the firm with a deeper experience in advertising law after spending time as in-house counsel at an international advertising "said Durban. "All of this, coupled with the addition of Gary Pierson - a legal heavyweight in his own right - is going to make for an exciting environment of collaboration and that I'm thrilled to be a part of."

"I'm thrilled to join Capes Sokol and team up with this talented group of attorneys," said Pierson. "They are friends, colleagues and mentors, and I would not have the practice I have without them. But the real beneficiaries of this group working together will be our clients; we can now offer a combination of deep experience and unparalleled connections to clients across the entertainment and media landscape."

Overall, the addition of Pierson and Durban to the Entertainment and Media Group reinforces Capes Sokol's commitment to providing exceptional legal services to its clients in the entertainment and media industries. The firm is excited to continue its growth and expansion in this area and looks forward to helping its clients navigate this incredibly interesting and constantly evolving legal landscape.

The Entertainment and Media Group also includes attorneys <u>Kara L. Lambert</u> and <u>Nicholas R. Rizzo</u>. Their team is supported by paralegal Lisa Lilburn .

Learn more about our Entertainment and Media practice group here.

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