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SUMMIT 2025

THE BEST ENTERTAINMENT/SPORTS & IP LAW SUMMIT IN THE
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NOVEMBER 2-6, 2025

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Kimpton Grand Roatan Resort and Spa

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- [Roatán Named #2 Best Island in Central/South America](#)
- [National Geographic “Best of the World”](#)
- [Top 10 Favorite Resorts in Central America by Travel + Leisure](#)
- [Stella Awards 2024: Best Boutique Property](#)
- [The World’s Best Hotels and Resorts, According to Travel + Leisure’s](#)

NORTH AMERICAN LAW SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT/SPORTS/IP

- (12 TOTAL HOURS) CLE
 - (1 HOUR) PROFESSIONALISM
 - (1 HOUR) ETHICS
 - (3 HOURS) LITIGATION
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- Approved by: Georgia Bar Association
 - Sponsored by: Florida Entertainment Arts & Sports Law (EASL)



Welcome to
SUMMIT 2025

7:45 Opening Remarks
Important To Be Ontime

Darryl Cohen, Summit Founder & Chairman

Scott Keniley, Chairman & CLE

Becky Patrick, Sponsorship

Brenton Hund, Scholarships



CLE DAY 1 (11/3/25)

Room 1

IT'S A SMALL, SMALL BIG WORLD: Entertainment Technologies Opened the Door to Global Demand and Insatiable Consumer Appetite for, well . . . MORE

8:00 PART 1 ENTERTAINMENT'S EXPANDING FOOTPRINT & GLOBAL DEMAND FOR CONTENT

Mod. Scott Keniley, Chief Legal Officer, Soundscape, Keniley| Kumar, LLC, Adjunct-Professor, Georgia State University, Atlanta

Brenton Hund, Assistant General Counsel, Music, Warner Brothers, Atlanta

Vinny Kumar, Senior VP, Legal & Business Affairs, EMPIRE Publishing, Keniley | Kumar LLC, San Francisco

Margaret Marshall, Associate GC, Recording Academy, Atlanta

9:00 PART 2 IS CONTENT THE NEW OIL: The Run on ENTERTAINMENT/IP ASSET ACQUISITIONS

Mod. Henry Root, Counsel LLP, Santa Monica

Michelle Davis, Arnall, Golden & Gregory, Atlanta

Alex Heiche, Founder, Sound Royalties, Nashville

David Innes, Georgia Banking Company, Atlanta

Paul Tarnopol, President, Spy Music Group, Inc - Brunswick Records Menudo International - Wahoo Music, Miami

10::00 PART 3 EMPIRE 2025 & BEYOND: GROWING & GOING GLOBAL

Vinny Kumar, Senior VP, Legal & Business Affairs, EMPIRE Publishing, Keniley | Kumar LLC, Atlanta, GA

Al "Butter" McLean, SVP, Creative Worldwide, EMPIRE Publishing, Atlanta

Sarah Beth Gerlecz, VP, Legal & Business Affairs, Empire, San Francisco

10:15-10:30 BREAK



CLE DAY 1 (continued)

ROOM 1

10:30 TV & THE AUDIENCE APPETITE FOR CRIMINAL LEGAL NEWS.

Mod. Darryl B. Cohen, Cohen, Cooper, Estep & Allen, LLC, Atlanta
Latonia P. Hines, Sr. Asst. District Attorney, Dekalb County, Council Member, City of Smyrna, Atlanta
Charles D. Mittelstadt, The Mittelstadt Firm, Atlanta
Josh Schiffer, JD Law Group, LLC, Atlanta
Meg Strickler, Conaway & Strickler, PC, Atlanta

11:30 BREAK

11:40 NIL IS ALL THE BIG TALK, BUT WHERE DOES IT GO FROM HERE?

Mod. Alan K. Fertel, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole and Bierman P.L, Coral Gables
Greg Curtner, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, Ann Arbor
Nik Erramilli, Erramilli Law Group, Atlanta
Shannon Ligon, Pretty Smart Law, Florida EASL Chair Elect, Miami

12:40 RECESS FOR DAY 1

12:40 NEWER ATTORNEYS MEET UP IN ROOM 1

ROOM 2

10:30 YES, CELEBRITIES NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION TO COMMON LEGAL MATTERS. HEAR FROM THOSE IN THE TRENCHES.

Criminal: Joe Habachy, Joe S. Habachy PC, Atlanta (Moderator)
Tax: Eddie Bradford, CPA, CCMA, Frazier & Deeter, Atlanta
VISA's: Amanda Brill, Brill Immigration, London
Estate: Carolyn Herman, Carolyn Herman, PLLC, St. Petersburg
Divorce: Tanya Mitchell-Graham, The Law Office of Tanya Mitchell Graham, P.C., Atlanta

11:30 BREAK

11:40 SOCIAL MEDIA 2025: Law, Liability and Litigation Update

Mod. Marguerite E. "Becky" Patrick, Law Office Of Marguerite E. Patrick, Atlanta
Kaley Bonett, Hall Booth Smith, P.C., Nashville
Daliah Saper, Saper Law, Chicago
Charlotte Towne, Charlotte Towne Law, Miami
Kelly Whitehart, Nelson Mullins, Atlanta

12:40 RECESS FOR DAY 1

12:40 NEWER ATTORNEYS MEET UP IN ROOM 1



2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mark Austin, Kentucky, 3L
Elizabeth Collins, Pennsylvania, 3L
Deymon Fleming, Jr., Georgia, 2L
Ally Phillips, Belmont, 3L
Joseph Valerino, Miami, 3L
Nicholas Solis Pereda, DePaul, 2L
Lauren Carole Ritter, Brooklyn, 2L
Carole Rizkallah, Belmont, 2L
Vlad Vutov, Loyola, 3L

Monday November 3, 2025

12:40

NEWER ATTORNEYS/SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ROUNDTABLE: Let's Make the Most of our Careers.

MEET IN FRONT OF ROOM 1 TO PLAN FOR LUNCH

FACILITATORS

Jonathan Elin ('11), Counsel, Media & Entertainment, The Weather Channel, Atlanta
Ricky Hernandez ('15, '16), Senior VP, Business & Legal Affairs, Concord, Nashville
Cayton Chrisman ('19), Nelson Mullins, Atlanta
Kaley Bonett ('23), Hall Booth Smith, P.C., Nashville
Sydney Brazile ('24), Clerk, Business & Legal Affairs Clerk, Sony Music Masterworks, New York

This perennial favorite is reserved solely for newer attorneys, law students and returning scholarship winners. The roundtable provides a chance to meet your contemporaries in a casual setting and talk openly.

"May the odds be ever in your favor."

Special thanks to **Brenton Hund & Johnna Lee** for all your efforts in curating this impressive group of Law Students and thank you to those who participated on the selection committee.

CLE DAY 2 (11/4/25)

ROOM 1

8:00 ENTERTAINMENT TECHNOLOGY& IP KNOWLEDGE

Mod. Kimberly D. Kolback, Law Offices of Kimberly Kolback, Miami

Keane Barger, Loeb, & Loeb, Nashville

Andrew Crain, Thomas | Horstemeyer, Atlanta

Mark Passler, Akerman, Palm Beach

Jennifer Pearson Medlin, Esq., Atlanta

9:00 The Financial World of Entertainment/Sports/IP

Eddie Bradford, CPA, CCMA, Frazier & Deeter, Atlanta

Alex Heiche, Founder, Sound Royalties, Nashville

Tate Henshaw, CFP, ARC Business Management, Atlanta

Peter Rourk, Armagh Capital, Chapel Hill, NC

9:20 BREAK

9:30 ENTERTAINMENT LITIGATION: In the Real World

Mod. Richard C. Wolfe, Wolfe Law Miami, PA, Miami

Brian Caplan, Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt LLC, New York

Peter A. Koziel, Assouline & Berlow, Boca Raton

Hillel I Parness, Parness Law Firm, PLLC, New York

10:30 BREAK

ROOM 2



9:30 DAVID V. GOLIATH: Independents Surviving in a “Majors” Heavy Industry

Mod. Lauren Spahn, Buchalter, Nashville

RJ Romeo, President, Romeo Entertainment, Nashville

Tate Henshaw, CFP, ARC Business Management, Atlanta

Ricky Hernandez, Senior VP, Business & Legal Affairs, Concord, Nashville

10:30 BREAK

CLE DAY 2 (CONTINUED)

ROOM 1

10:35 LITIGATION LESSONS FROM THE CRYPT: Burying Your Opponent

Mod. Christine Lepera, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp, LLP New York
Edwin F. McPherson, McPherson LLP, Los Angeles
Tim Warnock, Loeb & Loeb LLP, Nashville
Chris Vlahos, Vlahos Law, Nashville

11:35 BREAK

11:45 COPYRIGHT CASE LAW UPDATE: Hear All About Top Cases from 2024-2025

Mod. Rob McNeely, Messer Caparello, PA, Professor, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee
Karl Braun, Hall Booth Smith, P.C., Nashville
Mason Wolfe, Wolfe Law Miami, PA, Miami

12:45 RECESS DAY 2

ROOM 2

10:35 SONGWRITING AND MUSIC PUBLISHING 2025: Trends in Exploitation, Collection, Creativity & More

Mod. Doug Colton, Sukin-Colton Law, Nashville
Bertis Downs, General Counsel, R.E.M., Athens, GA
Al “Butter” McLean, SVP, Creative Worldwide, EMPIRE Publishing, Atlanta
Brittney Trigg, BTRIGGLAW, PLLC, Ft. Lauderdale

11:35 BREAK

11:45 LABELS/ARTISTS/FANS & OF COURSE AI: How they Interact for the Greatest Level of Success

Mod. Sarah Beth Gerlec, VP, Legal & Business Affairs, Empire, San Francisco
Matt Buser, Buser Legal, St. Petersburg, FL
Johnny Cloherty, CEO/Founder, Songfluencer, Nashville
Charles Driebe Esq., Blind Ambition Management, Atlanta, GA
Andrew Krents, Attorney at Law, New York

12:45 RECESS DAY 2

CLE DAY 3 (11/5/25)

ROOM 1

8:00 **PROFESSIONALISM, WITH THOSE YOU DON'T AGREE WITH OR SUSPECT YOU DON'T RESPECT**

Mod. Bradley Zimmer, Esq. Professor Duke University, Atlanta
Jonathan Elin, Counsel, Media & Entertainment, The Weather Channel, Atlanta
Reginald L. Thomas, Kentucky State Senator, Professor Kentucky State University, Lexington
Loren Wells, Wells-Kappel, Chicago

9:00 **IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

9:15 **BREAK**

9:30 **ETHICS 2025: It's Your License. Better Make some Good Decisions**

Mod. Tim Kappel, Wells-Kappel, New Orleans
Hon. Anne Barnes, Presiding Judge, Georgia Court Of Appeals, Atlanta
Elizabeth Henslee, Court Specialist, LexisNexis, Orlando
William Lewis, Barnes & Thornberg, Atlanta

10:30 **BREAK**



CLE DAY 3 (CONTINUED)

ROOM 1

10:40 AI 2025, FRIEND, FOE OR UNKNOWN

Mod. Michael Olsen, of counsel, Counsel LLP, Santa Monica Nashville
Stephen Easley, Founder/Director, Allmojo Management, The Buddy Holly Educational Foundation & Trustee, Austin
William Henslee, Professor, Florida A&M, Orlando
Bernie Lawrence-Watkins, B. Lawrence-Watkins & Associates, PC, Atlanta

11:40 BREAK

11:45 CLE FINALE: ENTERTAINMENT/SPORTS & IP NEWS FOR US, BY US

Anchor: Michael D. Hobbs, Jr, Troutman Pepper, Atlanta
Fashion Diva: Joan Davis, Schroder Davis Law Firm PLC, Richmond, VA
Field Reporter: Stephen M. Gaffigan, Stephen M. Gaffigan, PA. Ft. Lauderdale
Sports Desk: Alan K. Fertel, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole and Bierman P.L, Coral Gables
Whether Weather: Brian Roof, General Counsel, The Weather Channel, Atlanta



BIG NIGHT AHEAD OF US CLOSING NIGHT FESTIVITIES

DINNER AT 7:00-9:30



EMPIRE AFTER PARTY 9:30 -12:00

