



Bryan Thompson is a partner in Barnes & Thornburg's Los Angeles office.

With a particular focus on television and digital matters, Bryan advises clients on transactional matters. More specifically, he counsels clients in a variety of corporate matters, including private placements, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and compliance, SEC compliance, strategic alliances and joint ventures, corporate financing, entity formations and capitalization, and licensing, including software and content licensing.

Bryan is member of the firm's Corporate Department and the Entertainment, Media and Sports Practice Group.

Bryan also has wide-ranging experience in traditional media, where he has represented clients with respect to television program development, production, licensing, and distribution, and also in digital media, where he has represented clients on similar matters. He also has counseled clients on technology licensing, peer-to-peer and direct-to-consumer transactions, privacy law, rights of publicity, fair use and related copyright matters, and international distribution.

Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, Bryan was senior vice president of business and legal affairs for Fox Networks Group, where he served as the head of business affairs for The Jackal Group, a subsidiary studio. Bryan also has previous in-house experience with Yahoo! Inc., where he was counsel for the sports, entertainment, video game, and marketing departments, and Whalerock Industries (previously known as BermanBraun), a digital media company where he served as general counsel. Bryan began his legal career with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, where he was counsel.

Bryan's varied legal career has afforded him the opportunity to approach legal matters from an array of perspectives. For instance, he has been involved in mergers and acquisitions and corporate financings as outside counsel, been in-house counsel for investors/buyers, and served as in-house counsel for targets. He has represented companies large and

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law, (J.D.), Chancellor's Scholar, Moot Court award winner

The University of Texas at Austin, (B.A.), with honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Corporate

Debt Finance

INDUSTRIES

Artificial Intelligence

Concerts, Live Events and Theater

Entertainment

Film and Television

Music

small, public and private in connection with significant matters.

Professional and Community Involvement

Board member, Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics

Board member, Los Angeles Team Mentoring

Honors

L.A. Times B2B Publishing's The Envelope Magazine Entertainment Business Visionaries, 2024

Variety Magazine Legal Impact Report, 2018-2021, 2023

Variety Magazine Dealmakers Impact Report, 2018-2023

Los Angeles Business Journal 2021 Leaders of Influence: Thriving in Their 40s