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SUMMARY

After having spent many years as corporate counsel in the financial services sector, I have transitioned to an entertainment, intellectual property, nonprofits, building construction trades, and general business law support practice with office located in West Haven, Connecticut. Licensed in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York my law office serves the many diverse developmental and representational needs of filmmakers, writers, musicians, nonprofits and businesses in the building construction trades.

Among my industry associations are membership in the Entertainment and Sports Law, NY Volunteer Lawyer for the Arts, the Arts Council of Greater New Haven, member and legal adviser to the West Haven Council on the Arts, as well as Section of the New York State Bar Association, the Connecticut Venture Group, Moderator and Presenter for the Institute for International Film Financing, I am also legal adviser to the West Haven Media Arts collaborative and founder and CEO of a documentary film production company established in Connecticut, Cat's Eye View Productions, LLC.

Publications include "New York City Proposes Revised Film Permit Rules", Volume 18, Number 3 of the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Journal, (Fall/Winter, 2007), a publication of the Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section of the New York State Bar Association.

PRIMARY LAW EMPHASIS

Entertainment, Intellectual Property, Nonprofits, Building Construction Trades, and Business Development Law

PROFESSIONAL LAW EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE, Harborview Professional Offices, 140 Captain Thomas Blvd., Suite 111, West Haven, CT 06516

Solo Attorney, Present. Law office providing entertainment, intellectual property, nonprofits, building construction trades, and general business development law support services.

Sample Clients:

ENTERTAINMENT

Film Production Company: Clearance issues

Filmmaker: Production Agreements, including federal Reg D and state Blue Sky filings

University Department: Clearance review

Classical composer, pianist: Business formation and trademark

TV screenwriter: Production representation

Music Artist: Recording Agreement

NONPROFITS

Arts Association: 501(c)(3) registration

Historical Society: bylaws and governance issues

Veterans Association: 501(c)(3) registration

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES

Architect: mechanics lien

Builder: joint venture formation

Builder: HUD representation

GENERAL BUSINESS

Clothing business: trademark registration

Instruction company: LLC formation and operating agreement

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

YALE LAW SCHOOL, JD 1973

STATE BAR ADMISSIONS

Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York