

## **Trailblazing Entertainment Lawyer Stanton "Larry" Stein and Partners Join Prominent Boutique Russ August & Kabat**

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A trailblazing entertainment litigator, Stein conceived and pursued groundbreaking litigation and strategies protecting the rights of talent and production companies, including orchestrating talent walk outs, developing theories by which profit participants could challenge vertically integrated accounting, and creating copyright and trademark protection for reality television formats. Stein's team recently handled high-profile disputes including Blake Shelton's defamation case against Bauer Publishing, Drake's defense in a trade libel case, a claim for credit and compensation by producers dropped from the first "Godzilla" motion picture, and numerous other confidential disputes.

Describing this next phase of his career, Stein said, "RAK's highly respected IP practice and extensive trial experience fit perfectly with the entertainment, branding, and business needs of our clients. We are very excited about this opportunity for our clients and ourselves." RAK managing partner and co-founder Larry Russ said the minute he learned that Stein was looking for a new home, RAK jumped at the opportunity to add his dynamic entertainment team to the firm's flourishing IP practice. "This opportunity was far too good to pass up. Larry Stein and his team have an impeccable reputation and we provide a broad legal and business platform to serve all of their clients' needs and grow our firm," Russ said.

RAK is one of the top plaintiff's patent, trademark, and copyright protection and infringement law firms in the U.S., with its lawyers litigating and trying cases nationwide. RAK is also no stranger to high-stakes strategic planning, litigation, and trials. RAK represents celebrities and their companies in trademark acquisition and licensing, branding, privacy, real property, and business matters. The firm represents celebrity firms such as Jessica Alba's "The Honest Company," consumer products companies, apparel companies, and iconic fashion retailers such as American Rag et Cie, Fred Segal, and Forever 21. In 2016 and 2017, RAK pursued a highly publicized class action against LinkedIn that resulted in a settlement of \$13 million and LinkedIn's agreement to change its privacy disclosures.

Russ further emphasized the synergies: "We are trial lawyers. We regularly go to trial against the likes of Apple, LG, Hyundai, and other tech titans. We do not have studio, network, record company or media company conflict issues representing the rights of actors, writers, directors, producers, musicians and other creators against powerful institutions. That is what Larry Stein and his team are known for in the entertainment and media world." Echoing that sentiment, Stein said, "Joining a boutique IP firm allows us to avoid conflicts and allows us to quickly and efficiently address the time-sensitive needs of our clients, particularly with respect to media-related issues. We are a natural match."



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