

Sheppard Mullin Recognized in *Variety's* 2022 Dealmakers Report

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Ten Sheppard Mullin Entertainment attorneys were recognized for their significant contributions to the entertainment industry in *Variety's* 2022 Dealmakers Impact Report. This prestigious report is an annual list that features top in-house attorneys and transactional lawyers who have made a major impact behind the most substantial and significant deals in the media and entertainment industries.

Robert Darwell, Gina Eskigian, Aaron Campbell and Ramela Ohanian were lauded for working on several megadeals at the convergence of media and tech. According to *Variety*, "They repped Amazon in connection with its \$8.45 billion acquisition of MGM, which closed in June. They advised the online retail giant on all entertainment-related matters, most notably the studio's 4,000-title film library, which, in addition to the James Bond series, boasts an array of exploitable franchises including "Rocky," "Legally Blonde," "Tomb Raider" and "The Pink Panther..." They also served as production counsel for Amazon Studios' series "The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power," negotiating agreements for more than 30 actors and all writers, department heads and VFX artists, as well as for dozens of third-party vendors."

A bi-coastal Sheppard Mullin team consisting of Shaun Clark, Linda Michaelson, Daniel Schnapp and Alexis Robinson "represents major stakeholders straddling entertainment and tech, including studios, digital platforms, music publishers, sports leagues and ad agencies. In recent months, Michaelson and Clark advised Sony on its deal to acquire a controlling interest in Industrial Media actors and all writers, department heads and VFX artists, as well as for dozens of third-party vendors. They also repped Crunchyroll, a joint venture between Sony Pictures Entertainment and Japan's Aniplex, in its August acquisition of online anime store Right Stuf. For Spotify, Clark, Schnapp and Robinson have closed more than 200 deals, including multiple voice performer agreements (Catherine Keener, Bobby Cannavale, Sam Waterston) in connection with original podcast "The Final Chapters of Richard Brown Winters,"" added *Variety*.

Associates Joseph Ireland and Eve Nguyen snagged spots on *Variety's* coveted "Dealmakers: UpNext" list, highlighting young Entertainment attorneys making waves across the industry.

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