

35th Annual Entertainment Law Institute
September 11-12, 2025 • AT&T Conference Center • Austin, TX
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Thursday Morning, Sep. 11, 2025

	<i>This agenda is still in development. Updates to topics and speakers will be posted as available.</i>
7:30 am In Austin Only	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Recent Developments in Collegiate Athlete NIL Deals Moderator: Daniel Hare, Varsity Search and Baylor University - Waco, TX
9:30 am 0.75 hr	Is That Fair Use? Trademarks, Creativity, and the Law Post <i>Grimaldi v. Rogers</i> A case law review and practical application of balancing trademark rights and artistic expression in today's media landscape. Tamera H. Bennett, Harper & Bates LLP - Dallas, TX Jordyn Hendrix, Harper & Bates LLP - Dallas, TX
10:15 am	15-Minute Break
10:30 am 1.00 hr	Annual Case Law "Roundup" An annual roundup of notable court rulings, including Texas judicial decisions, that impact the practice of entertainment law. Stan Soocher, Entertainment Law & Finance - Denver, CO
11:30 am 1.00 hr	The Trouble with Ticketing Moderator: Chris Castle, Christian L. Castle, Attorneys - Austin, TX
12:30 pm In Austin Only	NETWORKING LUNCH AND MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY (In Austin Only) Network with colleagues and converse with conference faculty and other entertainment law experts in multiple practice areas and firm sizes. Lunch is included in registration.

Thursday Afternoon, Sep. 11, 2025

1:45 pm 0.75 hr ethics	Incorporating AI into your Entertainment Law Practice: Ethical Considerations Grant Atkinson, ActionResponder - Los Angeles, CA
2:30 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Independent Film Finance Deals for the Local Novice Filmmaker Duncan C. Montgomery, High Frequency Entertainment, LLC - Austin, TX Michael Norman Saleman, Law Offices of Michael Norman Saleman - Austin, TX
3:15 pm	15-Minute Break
3:30 pm 0.75 hr	Selling Your Music: Full Catalog Sales...Or Just a One-Off Master
4:15 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Rap Battles Megan Dunn, Megan Dunn Law, PLLC - Dalls, TX
5:00 pm In Austin Only	Adjourn to Networking Reception Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres with program faculty and attendees.

Friday Morning, Sep. 12, 2025

8:00 am In Austin Only	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:45 am 0.50 hr	Incentives and Rebates: Saving Your Clients Money through the Texas Film Commission Panelist: Will Zech, Texas Film Commission - Austin, TX
9:15 am 0.75 hr	The Rise of Immersive Sports and Entertainment Experiences: Unique Legal Issues
10:00 am	15-Minute Break
10:15 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	How to Best Advocate for Your Entertainment Law Clients: A Conversation with Dina LaPolt Moderator: Gwendolyn Seale, Mike Tolleson and Associates - Austin, TX Panelist: Dina LaPolt, LaPolt Law, P.C. - West Hollywood, CA
11:00 am 0.75 hr	Public Art: A Case Study Moderator: Alissa McCain, Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts - Austin, TX Panelist: Andrea N. Perez, Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal L.L.P. - Dallas, TX

11:45 am 0.75 hr ethics	Lawyers Behaving Badly: AI Edition Karen Delaney, Delaney Legal PLLC - Minneapolis, MN Jennifer Judge, Destination Pet, LLC - Plano, TX
12:30 pm In Austin Only	Pick Up Lunch (in Austin) Included in registration.

Friday Afternoon, Sep. 12, 2025

TEXAS STAR AWARD AND LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:50 pm	Texas Star Award Presentation Presented by: Stan Soocher, Entertainment Law & Finance, Denver, CO
1:00 pm 0.50 hr	Texas Star Award Recipient Presentation - TBA Dina LaPolt, LaPolt Law, P.C. - West Hollywood, CA
1:30 pm	15-Minute Break
1:45 pm 0.75 hr	The Path to Publication
2:30 pm 0.75 hr	Legal Issues for Content Creators and Influencers
3:15 pm 0.75 hr	Reality TV
4:00 pm	Adjourn