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With over 45 years of experience as a negotiator and litigator, beginning in private practice, then with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for almost 40 years, Doug Jacobs has specialized in media and entertainment law and litigation.

Prior to joining CDAS, Doug served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of A+E Television Networks, where, as a member of the senior management team, he oversaw all legal matters, deals and initiatives as they pertained to scripted and unscripted programming, talent contracts & negotiations, as well as matters pertaining to personal and intellectual property rights issues, standards and practices questions, distribution, digital, consumer products and international, for all the networks under the corporate banner: A&E®, Lifetime®, HISTORY®, LMN®, FYI™, H2™, HISTORY en Español™, Crime & Investigation Network®, Military HISTORY® and LRW™. Mr. Jacobs also supervised the business and legal affairs staff regarding the acquisitions made by A+E IndieFilms® and the newly formed A+E Networks Studios; and, he also worked with A+E Affiliate Sales as A+E Networks navigated the then uncharted waters of TV Everywhere® and mobile distribution. Additionally, Doug worked with management when dealing with “crises” and attendant press relations.

In addition, Doug played a substantial role coordinating the complex legal deals and initiatives at the company. Among his accomplishments, in 2012, he represented A+E Networks on behalf of the corporate legal team, as the company divested itself from its NBC/Comcast parent. In 2009, Doug handled due diligence for the acquisition of the Lifetime Networks, as it was blended seamlessly into the corporate fold.

Doug joined A+E Networks from Court TV, where he was Executive Vice President and General Counsel. At Court TV, Doug was also an integral member of the senior management team, supervising all legal matters relating to programming and distribution, while championing efforts to gain access for cameras in court throughout the USA. Prior to joining Court TV, Doug was Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at CBS, where he served as advisor to CBS management on legal issues arising from news, entertainment and sports broadcasts, and was Vice President of Business Development for CBS Sports.

In addition to his legal practice, Doug is also an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University School of Law.

EDUCATION

- Boston University, JD
 - *Boston University Law Review*, Editor
- Brooklyn College, BA

EMPLOYMENT

- A+E Television Networks
- Court TV
- CBS
- Securities and Exchange Commission

ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- New York City Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

PRACTICES

- Entertainment
- IP/Internet Transactions
- Litigation

INDUSTRY SECTORS

- Television (Traditional to Broadband)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Seventh, and Ninth Circuits
- Supreme Court of the United States

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