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# Douglas P. Jacobs

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With over 40 years of experience as a negotiator and litigator, beginning in private practice, then with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for the last 35 years, Mr. Jacobs has specialized in media and entertainment law and litigation.

Prior to joining CDAS, Mr. Jacobs served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of A+E 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.

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

Mr. Jacobs joined A+E Networks from Court TV, where he was Executive Vice President and General Counsel. At Court TV, Jacobs 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, Mr. Jacobs 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, Mr. Jacobs is also an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University School of Law.

## EMPLOYMENT

- A+E, 2006- 2014
- Court TV 1997-2006
- CBS 1979-1997
- Securities and Exchange Commission 1972-1979

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

## PRACTICES

- Entertainment
- IP/Internet Transactions
- Litigation

## INDUSTRY SECTORS

- Television (Traditional to Broadband)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- New Jersey
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## EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston University,  
Editor of the Law Review
- B.A., Brooklyn College

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Seventh, and Ninth Circuits
- Supreme Court of the United States

#### EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston University, 1971, Editor of the Law Review
- B.A., Brooklyn College, 1968

#### ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- New York State Bar Association