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Kenneth N. Swezey focuses on transactional counseling in copyright, corporate, digital media, entertainment, publishing and other intellectual property and commercial matters.

He has substantial experience representing companies and individual clients in the emerging fields of digital media, social media and transmedia. He represents clients ranging from broadband television companies, well-known authors, publishers, entertainers, literary estates, visual arts agencies, as well as not-for-profit organizations in the areas of intellectual property and entertainment.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. Swezey is a frequent lecturer in intellectual property and digital media issues, including:

- CUNY Publishing Institute, guest speaker on topic of copyrights and book publishing, June 6, 2014
- “Publishing Tech- Business Opportunities & Funding Essentials” Book Expo America, May 28, 2014
- “The Art of Making the Deal” Digital Hollywood, March 5, 2014
- “Digital Publishing & Transmedia Storytelling: Deals, Rights and Revenues” Book Expo America, May 29, 2013
- “Copyright Terminations,” presenter at PLI 2012 Intellectual Property Law Institute, September 13, 2012
- “Nets of Social Networks: Minimizing Legal Risk in Social Media” as part of Social Media Week 2012, February 16, 2012
- “New Models of Publishing: E-books, enhanced e-books, and apps” co-moderator as part of New York State Bar Association EASL Section Annual Meeting, January 23, 2012
- “I’m Pitching and Selling Your Idea” Story World Conference, November 1, 2011
- “Termination Rights – Coming Soon to a Theatre Near You – Are You Ready?” panelist for 26th Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference, April 8, 2011

ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Entertainment, Art and Sports Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, Past Chair of Section, 2009-2010; Past Chair, Literary Works Committee
- Copyright Society of the U.S.A., Member
- Conducted publishing negotiation seminars for Columbia University School of Law, 2001-2012

EMPLOYMENT

- Cowan, DeBaets, Abrahams & Sheppard LLP, New York, NY 1993 – Present

PRACTICES

- Copyright
- Trademarks and Brands
- Venture

INDUSTRY SECTORS

- Digital Media
- Publishing
- Software / Apps
- Talent

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- California

EDUCATION

- UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
B.A. (summa cum laude),
Member of Phi Beta Kappa
- UCLA Graduate School of
Management, Los Angeles,
CA M.B.A
- UCLA Law School, Los
Angeles, CA J.D.