



**Entertainment lawyer Steve Weizenecker serves as counsel on tax incentives and financing for film, television and videogame clients. He has also worked with numerous jurisdictions on developing or improving their economic incentives for the entertainment industry. Personable and patient, Steve takes the time to listen to what each client needs, understand their concerns and incorporate their goals into each step he takes.**

Clients and colleagues alike know that they can rely on Steve to serve as a resource for information when helping them to take advantage of production incentives in the U.S. and abroad. Whether Steve is advising on state or country tax credits, production grants or financings, he is able to help leverage opportunities to benefit his clients.

In addition to his deep experience in production incentives, Steve advises on the corporate law issues his clients face doing business today. He delivers practical legal solutions and comprehensive business advice on complex corporate financings; film, television and new media production and distribution agreements; and commercial arrangements. Steve frequently serves as outside general counsel for production companies and other entertainment businesses.

Steve delivers an essential mix of personal commitment and industry know-how to those he serves. Regardless of the challenge at hand, Steve's legal experience, dedication to understanding his clients' businesses and goals, and decades of experience as an entertainment lawyer are grounded in prudent decision-making and utilitarian advice.

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

Chair, American Bar Association (ABA) Forum on Entertainment and Sport Industries

Vice Chair, Georgia Governor Kemp's Advisory Commission on Film, Music and Digital Entertainment

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### **EDUCATION**

Western Michigan University, (J.D.), cum laude, 1995

Emory University, (B.A.), 1990

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Georgia

### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

Georgia Court of Appeals

Georgia Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

### **LANGUAGES**

English

### **PRACTICES**

Advertising and Marketing

Corporate

Debt Finance

Internet and Technology

Litigation

Member, Georgia Governor’s Advisory Commission on Film, Music and Digital Entertainment (Governor Deal)

Member, Department of Revenue Film Tax Credit Advisory Commission

Former chair, American Bar Association (ABA) Forum on Sports and Entertainment Industries Governing Committee, Division on Film and Television

Former editor-in-chief and frequent author, ABA Entertainment and Sports Lawyer

Former Chair, Entertainment and Sports Law Section, State Bar of Georgia

**Honors**

The Best Lawyers in America, 2021-2024

James Magazine Top Registered Lobbyist, 2020-2021, 2023

Variety Magazine Legal Impact Report, 2018-2021

Variety Magazine Dealmakers Impact Report, 2018-2021, 2023

Variety Magazine Dealmakers Legal Elite New York, 2018

Georgia Legal Elite, 2016-2021

Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2005-2007

**INDUSTRIES**

Entertainment

Federal Government Relations and Lobbying

Film and Television

Government and Public Finance

Government Services

Interactive Entertainment

Media

Production Incentives

Public Policy and Lobbying

State and Local Government - Georgia