

Eight Sheppard Mullin Attorneys Recognized on Variety's 2021 Dealmakers Impact Report

Variety
12.09.2021

Four Sheppard Mullin duos (Robert Darwell and Aaron Campbell, Linda Michaelson and Shaun Clark, Alexis Robinson and Dan Schnapp, and David Sands and Aerin Snow) were named to *Variety's* 2021 Dealmakers Impact Report, which recognizes those professionals who, over the past year, "forged the major game-changing deals that changed the showbiz landscape."

From *Variety*:

- Darwell and Campbell both advised for Amazon in its \$8.45 billion pending MGM buy, supported Amazon Studios' acquisition of Cannes player "Annette," advised streamer Peacock on acquisitions, and worked for Hemisphere Media acquiring the remaining 75% of streamer Pantaya as well as its content relationships. Darwell advises Disney Television Animation, including on new series "Monsters at Work."
- Michaelson and Clark both advised Lionsgate purchasing a majority stake in the Spyglass Media film library with a multiyear, first-look deal and Sony Pictures Entertainment acquiring family/faith streamer Pure Flix. Meanwhile, Clark reps Spotify's podcast business, the Rare Beauty management team partnering with Selena Gomez for her cosmetics line and Wevr for a virtual reality experience based on Jon Favreau's "Gnomes & Goblins."
- Robinson and Schnapp advised client News Corp. on getting paid globally by Google for its digital content, and also client Spotify on 200 licensing and talent agreements in the past year. Other clients include Peloton for licensing music, ASCAP on its Songview venture, esports infrastructure software provider Vindex, Swedish music rights collective STIM and Async Art for its NFT platform.
- Sands and Snow advised ICM Partners on its sale to CAA, ICM acquiring London-based sports agency Stellar Group and also acquiring Select Sports, which reps NFL players and execs. The duo also work for Doman Capital, the multi-strategy fund that buys royalty streams. Meanwhile, Sands advised Spotter, which licenses YouTube videos, on recent financing, and also numerous executive employment contracts, including Ravi Ahuja for Sony Pictures Television.

Attorneys

Aaron J. Campbell

Shaun C. Clark

Robert A. Darwell

Linda Giunta Michaelson

Alexis Robinson

David H. Sands

Daniel E. Schnapp

Aerin A. Snow

Practice Areas

Corporate

Entertainment, Technology and Advertising

Technology Transactions