

Dave Stern

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CALLED TO THE BAR OF ONTARIO,
2012

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Ottawa, 2011
- B.A., Major in Industrial Relations, McGill University, 2008

PRACTICE AREAS

- Entertainment Law
- Sports Law
- Corporate & Commercial

Dave provides creative and practical solutions for complex matters in the areas of Sports, Entertainment and Corporate/Commercial Law. In particular, Dave's practice focuses on audio-visual production, distribution and exploitation (films, television series, digital media projects), brand licensing, influencer representation and commercial transactions. Dave also represents labels, bands, producers and artists in the negotiation of recording, management and publishing agreements. In addition, Dave is involved in establishing optimal corporate structuring for his clients.

Dave has a unique sports background, as he previously worked in the legal departments of both the Oakland Raiders and Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Ltd., where he was regularly involved in software licencing, the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, sponsorships, contests and promotions, collective bargaining, athlete/player contracts, broadcasting and distribution.

For more information on Dave's contribution to the film and television industry, [click here](#).

Dave is extremely passionate about his work and his clients' needs. He understands their objectives and he knows how to get deals done. Clients can rely on Dave to support every aspect of their

business.

RECOGNITION

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers® in Canada* 2026 in the area of Sports Law
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers® in Canada* 2025 in the area of Sports Law
- 2024 *Lexpert® Canadian Legal Directory* named "Leading Lawyer to Watch in Entertainment Law"
- 2023 *Lexpert®* Rising Stars Gold Winner

MEMBERSHIPS

- Ontario Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association

RELATED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- [March 22, 2023](#)
Speaker, Sports and Entertainment Law Society, Queens University (2023)
- [March 22, 2023](#)
Osgoode Entertainment and Sports Law Conference (2023)
- [March 31, 2022](#)
Speaker, SELS Conference, Windsor Law Sports and Entertainment Society (2022)
- [March 04, 2022](#)
Speaker, Sports and Entertainment Law Society, Queens University (2022)
- [February 16, 2022](#)
Speaker, Speaker Series, Lincoln Alexander Sports & Entertainment Law Society, Ryerson University (2022)
- [November 02, 2021](#)
Speaker, "The Legal Implications of COVID-19 on The Olympic Games", Abu Dhabi Judicial Department's Sports Law Seminar (2021)
- [March 18, 2021](#)
Speaker, Sports and Entertainment Law Society, Queens University (2021)
- [February 15, 2021](#)
Guest Speaker, "Production Planning and Management II", York University (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- [December 21, 2020](#)
Guest Speaker, St. Francis Xavier Sports Management Program (2020)

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

- [July 07, 2021](#)
Author, The Legal Implications of COVID-19 on the Tokyo Olympic Games

IN THE MEDIA

- [December 10, 2025](#)
Blaneys Entertainment Partner Dave Stern Talks to CBC News on Warner Bros. Acquisition Bid
- [September 24, 2025](#)
Blaneys Entertainment Lawyers Dave Stern and Corey Hock Share TIFF Insights in Lexpert
- [December 01, 2023](#)
Blaney's Partner, David Stern, 2023 Lexpert Rising Stars Award winner, speaks with Lexpert TV
- [May 31, 2023](#)
Canadian Lawyer spoke to Blaneys' Partner, Dave Stern, about his unique path to his entertainment and sports law practice
- [April 24, 2023](#)
David Stern mentioned in Deadline Magazine article