

Seasoned Commercial Litigator Michael Garfinkel Rejoins Venable's Los Angeles Office

Washington, DC (April 19, 2023) – Venable LLP is pleased to announce that Michael Garfinkel has rejoined the firm as a partner in the Commercial Litigation Group in the Los Angeles office. Mr. Garfinkel, who previously worked at the firm from 2007 to 2011, is an entertainment and media litigator with more than 30 years of experience.

“Mike is a skilled litigator with a proven track record of being able to effectively navigate the most complicated disputes for his clients. We are thrilled to welcome him back to the firm and our office,” said Mitchell Evall, a co-partner-in-charge of the Los Angeles office.

Daniel P. Hoffer, a co-chair of the Commercial Litigation Group and a co-partner-in-charge of the Los Angeles office, said, “As we continue to expand upon our capabilities and grow our litigation group, adding Mike to our team made a lot of sense. He has a broad range of experience across a variety of disciplines and is highly respected in the industry.”

Mr. Garfinkel represents studios, production companies, talent agencies, advertising agencies, and artists in matters involving intricate industry-specific agreements, trademark, copyright and right of publicity disputes, trade secrets, and defamation. He also represents a variety of clients in commercial litigation, including limited liability company and partnership disputes and consumer class action defense.

Commenting on his return to Venable, Mr. Garfinkel said, “I fondly remember my early years at Venable when the Los Angeles office was still in its infancy. Today, the office has grown tremendously and has become a powerhouse in the entertainment

industry. I felt that now was a great time to return, and I am looking forward to expanding my practice in the LA market.”

Mr. Garfinkel received his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Michigan.

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