

# Brian T. Smith

## Associate Attorney

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Brian Smith is an associate in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher where he currently practices in the firm's Corporate Department.

Brian received his law degree from UCLA School of Law, where he served as Managing Editor of the *UCLA Law Review* and advised filmmakers as part of the Documentary Film Legal Clinic. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Tufts University. Prior to law school, Brian worked as a producer of Broadway shows, winning a Tony Award in 2013, and also as a writer and producer of independent films.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, he was an associate in the Corporate Department of Paul Hastings LLP with a focus on mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures involving entertainment companies and talent representation across film, television, theater and music.

### Representative Experience :

- **RedBird Capital Partners**, with respect to entertainment matters, in a number of significant transactions, including:
  - RedBird IMI's \$1.45 billion acquisition of All3Media, the largest independent television production company in the UK.
  - RedBird IMI's investment in scripted production studio Media Res.
  - RedBird Capital Partners investment in Hidden Pigeon Company, a joint venture with children's book author Mo Willems and Stampede Ventures.
- **\*HYBE (formerly Big Hit Entertainment)** in its reported \$1 billion acquisition of Ithaca Holdings, a diversified media company founded by Scooter Braun.
- **\*Warner Bros. Discovery** and **Paramount Global** in their sale of a majority stake in the The CW broadcast network to Nexstar Media Group.
- **\*Fox Entertainment** in its acquisition of MarVista Entertainment, a leading independent producer and worldwide distributor of television movies for over \$100 million.
- **Universal Pictures** in its investments and partnerships with Amblin Partners.
- **Main Street Advisors** and its portfolio company **NTWRK**, a digital media and commerce company, in several transactions including NTWRK's acquisition of the media company Complex Networks from BuzzFeed and Universal Music Group's investment in NTWRK.



### Capabilities

Media, Entertainment, and Technology  
Intellectual Property  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private Equity  
Royalty Finance  
Sports Law

### Credentials

#### Education

University of California - Los Angeles -  
2020 Juris Doctor  
Tufts University - 2007 Bachelor of Arts

#### Admissions

California Bar

- **SC Holdings** in the merger of the Major League Pickleball and the Pickleball Professional Association Tour and SC's concurrent investment in the combined company.
- **\*The Agency**, a California-based global luxury real estate brokerage, in its acquisition of Triplemint, a New York-based online real estate brokerage.
- An international film studio in a talent profit participation dispute and settlement relating to a film produced by the studio that earned over \$100 million in box office receipts.
- **Veritas Capital** and its portfolio company **Frontgrade Technologies** in Frontgrade's acquisition of Aethercomm, an aerospace and defense designer and manufacturer.
- **\*The controlling stockholder of Dole Food Company** in the merger of Dole with Europe's largest fresh produce company, Total Produce, and concurrent initial public offering of the combined company with an approximate value of \$2 billion on the New York Stock Exchange.

*\* Representations prior to Mr. Smith's association with Gibson Dunn.*

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