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PLG at the Movies

BlacKkKlansman, directed by Spike Lee is currently in theaters.

Pierce Law Group LLP negotiated the Co-Producer / Writer deal for **Charlie Wachtel & David Rabinowitz** the writers who also found the book and brought the project to fruition.

The film, which boasts a 96% on Rotten Tomatoes, and has already begun generating Oscar buzz, opened nationwide on **August 10** and stars **John David Washington, Adam Driver, and Alec Baldwin**. Click on the trailer below.



Lionsgate Films releases **A Simple Favor**, directed by **Paul Feig** (*Bridesmaids*) in theaters early September.

The film, which stars **Anna Kendrick** and **Blake Lively**, centers around a vlogger who seeks to uncover the truth behind her best friend Emily's sudden disappearance from their small town.

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David Albert Pierce's latest MovieMaker Magazine column now available online and on newsstands



David Albert Pierce is a regular columnist for **MovieMaker Magazine**.

In the **Summer 2018 Issue** (now online and on newsstands), David's **Indie Law** column discusses the difference between Finance Counsel, Production Counsel and Distribution Counsel.

That article is reprinted here with the courtesy of MovieMaker.

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again provided legal services for our longtime client Lionsgate on this project. You can view the trailer below.



Seminars & Events

On August 13th, **David Albert Pierce** conducted a 3 hour workshop presentation entitled *"Legally Speaking: What Every Comedian Should Know About Basic Business & Legal Issues"* at the Burbank Comedy Festival which was held at Flappers Comedy Club.

On August 15th, the **Beverly Hills Bar Association's Entertainment Law Section** presents a seminar program entitled *"Legal Issues When Marketing & Advertising In Social Media."* The program was led by **Joseph Lewczak, Esq.** of **Davis & Gilbert**.



On August 22nd, the **Beverly Hills Bar Association's Entertainment Law Section** presents its **10th Annual State of the Industry Address** entitled *"Features/TV 10.0"* delivered by the esteemed entertainment attorney **Ken Ziffren**.

The event will be at **Lawry's Prime Rib** from **Noon - 2pm**. **David Albert Pierce** is the incoming **Chairperson** of the **BHBA Entertainment Law Section** and co-chairs this event.

To register, [\[click here\]](#)

Burbank Comedy Festival



Three Types of Attorneys Will Give Your Production A Boost, and How To Pick Them
By **David Albert Pierce, Esq.** (Originally published July 26, 2018)

Selecting an attorney, or attorneys, to work with throughout the moviemaking process is one of the most important decisions you'll make.

Likewise, investing in the right attorney can ultimately net great dividends and actual cost savings to your production far beyond your dreams. When the producer/attorney relationship works, it's a beautiful thing. A skilled attorney can prove to be your true consigliere and most cherished asset during the production process.

To continue reading this article click [here](#).

Remembering Jon Schnepf



Longtime **Pierce Law Group LLP** client **Jon Schnepf** passed away on July 19 from complications from a massive stroke.

Best known for his work writing and directing wacked out late night animated cartoon fare for **Cartoon Network's Adult Swim** including *"Aqua Teen Hunger Force"*

BURBANK COMEDY FESTIVAL

Pierce Law Group LLP is proud to be a returning sponsor of the **5th Annual Burbank Comedy Festival** which runs from **August 12th - 18th** at **Flappers Comedy Club**.

Top celebrity headlining comedians, and over 200 of the hottest new talent from around the world converge on Burbank for **The Burbank Comedy Festival**. The Festival offers the next generation of comedy talent the opportunity to perform and connect with top entertainment professionals.

The opening night comedy show starred **Pierce Law Group** client and friend **Jeff Garlin**.

In addition to performances, the Festival is jammed back with panels and workshops. One of the highlights included a presentation entitled "**An Evening With Phil Rosenthal**."

The Festival also featured a 3 hour workshop presentation entitled "**Legally Speaking: What Every Comedian Should Know About Basic Business & Legal Issues**" which was conducted by our own **David Albert Pierce**.

For more information about the Burbank Comedy Festival, [click here](#)

Remembering Craig Glazer

Pierce Law Group LLP also mourns the loss of our client and friend **Craig Glazer** who passed away on August 16th after a quiet battle with Leukemia.

Craig was the owner of **Stanford and Sons Comedy Club** in Kansas City. He also produced the acclaimed boxing documentaries, "**Champions Forever: The Latin Legends**" and "**Champions Forever: Muhammad Ali - The Lost Interviews**."

Craig was a truly one of a kind individual that led a very colorful life to say the least.

A bona fide grifter in his youth, he paid his dues, turned his life around and wrote an amazing book about his indiscretions, "**The King of Sting**," which just last month was re-optioned for a 3rd consecutive year by a top producer actively developing a film project based on it with a great creative team attached.

"**The Venture Bros**" and "**Metapocalypse**." He first rose to prominence as part of the creative team for **Cartoon Network's** mix of live action and animation talk show, "**Space Ghost: Coast to Coast**." He also directed **Comedy Central's** "**Upright Citizens Brigade**" TV series, as well as producing and directing the acclaimed documentary, "**Death of Superman Lives**."

Schnepp's work was beloved by insomniacs, video game junkies, and teen and college aged couch potatoes. Schnepp was a staple of comic and nerd culture. He lived and breathed comics. He could rattle off comic information with a confidence that few others could echo. After even a short conversation with him, you could see the passion, the genuine care. But beyond his relationship with comics and film, he was a genuinely kind and loving man. Almost impossible not to crack a smile around. You couldn't talk to him without learning something new. The world has lost a great repository of knowledge, caring and humor.

He was also a bona fide gentle giant quick to show compassion and whom friends could always count on.

He is survived by his fiancée and business partner **Holly Payne** and his sister **Deborah**.

You can help honor his memory and support his family by **making a donation** to help pay off the immense medical costs associated with Schnepp's illness. **To do so, click:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/getwelljonschneppfundraiser>

JUST FOR LAUGHS



David Albert Pierce continued his annual tradition of attending **Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival ("JFL")** and the annual **ComedyPro** industry gathering from July 26th to 29th! And in keeping with tradition, **Pierce Law Group's** comedy clients were again well represented at this year's **JFL**.

We are particularly proud to have our client **Jeremiah Watkins** selected as one of **JFL's "New Faces Of Comedy"**. And true to form, the irrepressible **Jeremiah's**

stand-up performances stood out among this prestigious group.





John Baldivia Mentors Aspiring Industry Pros

John R. Baldivia providing professional advice to aspiring film makers and entertainment professionals at **CAAN Connect: Los Angeles**, hosted by Columbia College Chicago at Eat Drink Americano on July 17 in Los Angeles.



Did You Know?

Pierce Law Group Partner Tony Hanna is a prolific scuba diver and aquatic photographer during his office hours. Next time in our offices, check out his collection of underwater photos that hang in his office. He recently returned from travels to the Florida Keys. Here's an aquatic shot taken from the surface.

The **West Indian manatee** or "sea cow", also known as **American manatee**, is the largest surviving member of the aquatic mammal order Sirenia, and is a threatened federally protected species making a comeback in the Florida Keys.



Also at JFL, our client **Tony Hinchcliffe** broadcasted his wildly popular podcast "**Kill Tony**" live on stage at a JFL venue during the **Comedy Pro** gathering.



And congratulations go out to our clients at "**Your Hoods A Joke**" Podcast, which workshopped their live comedy show of the same name at **JFL**. The show is produced by **Dan Wong, Danny Mendlow, Danish Anwar, Paul Provenza** and **Babs Roman**. The show has comedians from different neighborhoods, regions or rivalries such as sports teams roasting the other comedian's "hood"



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