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CALIFORNIA'S TOP ENTERTAINMENT LAWYERS OF 2015

DAVID R. SINGER

Singer's current cases center on two of the hottest areas of law: the intersection of television and real estate with the Internet.

Representing the plaintiff in *Fox Broadcasting Co. v. Dish Network* in the Central District, he is litigating a copyright and breach of contract action that could dramatically alter the landscape of ad-supported television and the ongoing viability of broadcast TV.

The conflict is over Dish's Hopper set top box that allegedly makes unauthorized copies of primetime programs for subscriber downloading. "The questions involve the new age of TV and the Internet," Singer said. "There hasn't been a real hard look at TV and copyright law in a generation. It's a golden age for lawyers in this space."

The matter is currently stayed while Singer and colleagues work on a possible settlement.

And in the case of client News Corp. subsidiary Move Inc.'s challenge to online real estate giants Zillow.com, Realtor.com and Trulia.com, Singer happily said he's dealing with fact scenarios that amount to a trade secrets trifecta.

"There's a whistleblower, people using burner phones and evidence destruction software and employees jumping ship," he said of allegations against the defendants

as part of Zillow's \$3.5 billion acquisition of Trulia just after hiring a key Move strategy officer. "This case has huge potential as real estate shifts into the online space," Singer said of *Move Inc. v. Zillow Inc.* "There are billions potentially at stake."

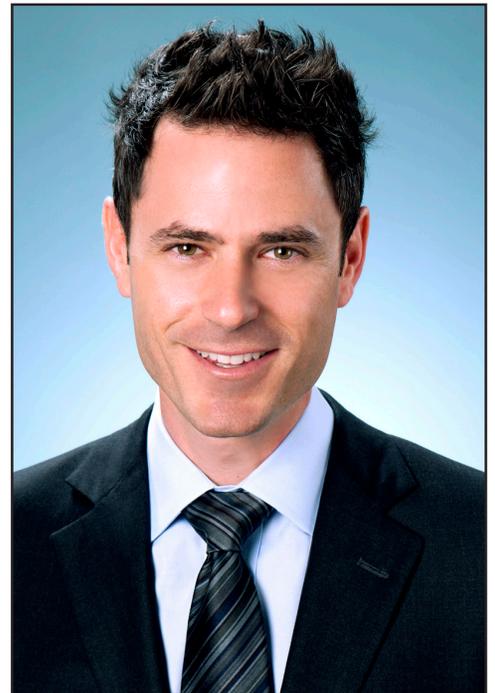
Singer and Jenner & Block partner Rick Stone won dismissal of Trulia's countersuit against Move in San Francisco County Superior Court. Trial in Move's suit is set for June 2016 in Seattle. "This one reads like a novel," Singer said.

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He also has a piece of the current effort by student athletes to show that schools, television broadcasters and sports media licensing firms misappropriate their publicity rights in violation of federal antitrust laws.

Representing IMG Worldwide, IMG College and William Morris Endeavor Entertainment in *Marshall v. ESPN Inc.*, Singer helped win dismissal of the athletes' potential class action in federal court in Tennessee in July; the



case is now before the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"These big cases grind you down as a litigator, but they are exciting and newsworthy and that makes it fun. I really love this stuff. It makes the hard work worth it. I have shed my insecurities about being attracted to big cases in the news."

— John Roemer