

Jonathan P. Geen



Jonathan P. Geen is a Partner in the San Diego office of Borton Petrini, LLP. He received his undergraduate degree from Columbia University. At Columbia, Jonathan was class president, a member of the Senior Honor Society of Sachems, and recipient of the John J. Coss Memorial Prize for “scholastic attainment, aesthetic appreciation, and sense of public responsibility.” He received his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 1985.

Jonathan has practiced law in Illinois, as well as California.

He is experienced in both litigation and nonlitigation matters. He is knowledgeable about the entertainment and sports industries and has represented and negotiated deals for a wide variety of clients in those industries.

He has assisted musicians, authors, composers, choreographers, and other artists with the protection and licensing of their original creations, and has both prosecuted and defended copyright, trademark, and patent infringement actions.

His clients’ credits include Broadway, Emmy-nominated television shows, and feature films. He has drafted agency, option, licensing, recording, performing, production, and other agreements for individuals and entities in film, television, the stage, and music. He served on the board of directors to a Beverly Hills-based film company and drafted all private placement documents and contracts/agreements for the motion picture *Season of Change* it produced and released starring Nicholle Tom (*The Nanny*), and Michael Madsen (*Kill Bill*).

He has represented a number of Olympic and World Figure Skating medalists, including Evan Lysacek, coaches, including Frank Carroll, and choreographers with regard to their contractual agreements and other legal needs, including coaching and rink agreements and agent negotiations.

A former professional singer/dancer/actor with off-Broadway credits and a former skater, Jonathan now uses his knowledge of law to help people in these fields.

When not practicing law, Jonathan travels the country judging competitive figure skating as a national-level judge for the United States Figure Skating Association, and is the national vice chair of the Scholastic Honors Team. He also serves as vice president of the Escondido Figure Skating Club.

Education:

- Columbia University, Columbia College, A.B., 1982
- Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., 1985

Admitted:

- State Bar of Illinois, 1985
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1985 (general bar)
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1988 (trial bar)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1988
- State Bar of California, 1997
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, 2001
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2001

Business and Professional Associations:

- San Diego County Bar Association
- Greater San Diego Business Association, Member and Business Group Facilitator
- San Diego County Bar, Entertainment/Sports Law section

Publications:

- PSA Professional Skater
- Blades on Ice
- American Skating World

Lectures & Seminars:

- Seminar presented on labor law for the San Diego Employers Association
- Seminar presented on labor law for Sterling Education Services, Inc.
- Speaker on intellectual property at various San Diego seminars

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Jonathan P. Geen - Testimonials

Working with Jonathan is wonderful. He is caring and dependable, understanding my needs as a skating coach and fulfilling those needs. It is wonderful to work with an attorney who understands the skating world.

*Evelyn Kramer, world and Olympic figure skating coach;
official skating coach for the movie The Cutting Edge*

Jonathan has been extremely helpful to me regarding situations that require legal advice in the skating world. He is extremely knowledgeable and thorough, yet kind and approachable. He is very willing to help and treats others with respect. I always feel he has both my and my skater's best interests at heart. It's extremely beneficial with his background as a skater and a judge, as he understands the skating world. He is trustworthy, and I highly recommend him to anyone who needs solid legal advice.

Colleen Mickey, USFS gold medalist; PSA master-rated coach

Jonathan Geen has been my attorney for the past 15 years. His extensive background and expertise in the sport of figure skating has made it easy to work on skating-related issues without having to get into lengthy discussions about specifics of our sport and how it works. Jonathan is thorough, uniquely qualified, and extremely intelligent, and I highly recommend him for any legal work you may need.

Ken Congemi, world and Olympic figure skating coach

I would recommend Jonathan Geen to any coach you never know when you might need a little advice. Then, by the time you need it, you needed it yesterday. If nothing else, peace of mind is golden.

*Tiffany Chin, World Junior Champion, U.S. Champion,
two-time World bronze medalist, and Olympian*

Jonathan Geen is a consummate professional, with unquestionable ethics, knowledge, and determination.

Jay Henry, multiplatinum recording engineer/producer

You can't go wrong when you turn to Jonathan Geen with a legal question or problem. Since 1987, I've consulted him on the purchase of rights to a story, nonpayment issues, IATSE contract advice, and to negotiate numerous contracts on my behalf. He's efficient, professional and wholly understands the ups and down of the entertainment industry. I wholeheartedly recommend him for your personal or professional legal needs.

*D. Sean Haines, New York-based lighting designer/set dresser
whose varied credits include television (Mad TV),
Academy Award-nominated film (The Visitor), and
Broadway (The Pajama Game starring Harry Connick, Jr.)*

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