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Experience

Corky has extensive entertainment law, corporate and worldwide entertainment industry experience. Corky regularly speaks on the business and legal aspects of feature film development and tax incentives in connection with the entertainment industry.

Corky has participated in seminars and speaking engagements throughout the United States and Canada. For a list of such seminars and speaking engagements [click here](#).

Corky was selected to serve on the Illinois Panel to recommend amendments to the Illinois Limited Liability Company Act. He was also selected by former Illinois Governor James Thompson to be a member of the Illinois Drug and Alcohol Advising Board to review and recommend laws and amendments to laws on drug and alcohol issues.

Representative Engagements

1. Represented and executive produced feature films, theatre projects and television projects, including feature films with Russell Crowe, Jonathan Winters and Robin Williams. "The Sum of Us" starring Russell Crowe, won the Australian Academy Award for Best Film. For a full list of feature films and theatrical plays [click here](#).
2. Successfully worked with governors and United States Congressmen in several states to implement new laws and federal tax incentives for investments in qualifying film and television projects, which led to Sections 181 and 199 of The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004. Corky has also authored a reference book covering such federal and state tax incentives.
3. Represented several authors and negotiated publishing deals with several major publishers including Random House and Doubleday.
4. Represented several producers, production companies and individuals on their film and television projects.

Education

John Marshall Law School, J.D. *summa cum laude* 1974
Ohio State University, B.S./B.A.

Courts and Bar Admissions

Court

Illinois and U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
Trial Bar, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Bar

Illinois

Personal

Corky and his wife have raised two children. Corky is an Adjunct Professor in the Film Department of Columbia College and is an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern Law School where he teaches entertainment law.