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Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP (MSK) announced today that it has expanded its national Entertainment Transactions group with the addition of **Amy Stein Simonds** as a partner in its New York office. With more than a decade of experience, Stein Simonds joins from Pryor Cashman LLP, where she was a partner in the Media + Entertainment group.

Stein Simonds brings deep expertise in production, financing, and distribution across film, television, podcasts, and digital media. She regularly counsels studios, networks, financiers, and production companies across all phases of a project's lifecycle, from development and rights acquisition through production, financing, and distribution. She has served as business affairs and legal counsel to more than 100 studios, streaming platforms, and independently financed productions. Her expertise extends to foreign co-productions and navigating U.S.-based guild requirements, including SAG-AFTRA, WGA, DGA, and IATSE signatory processes.

"Amy brings exactly the kind of sophisticated, cross-media transactional expertise that our clients need today, and her addition reflects our continued commitment to building a practice that aligns with the future of the entertainment industry," said **Yakub Hazzard**, Chair of MSK.

Stein Simonds expands MSK's ability to advise entertainment production companies across motion picture and television production, interactive entertainment, podcasting, and new media, areas that reflect how content is being created and consumed today. Her work in cross-media transactions and entertainment financing further broadens the firm's ability to support clients throughout the full arc of a project, from concept to execution.

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"I've watched MSK operate at the center of this industry for years. There's no better place to do this work," said Stein Simonds. "The firm's reach, from major studios to independent creators, means we can meet clients wherever they are in the process, whether that's their first independent film or a multi-platform studio deal."

Stein Simonds has been widely recognized for her work in the industry and has been named to Variety's "Hollywood New Leaders" and "Dealmaker Impact Report." She earned her J.D. from Pace University School of Law and her B.F.A. from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts.

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