

# Phillip Gharabegian

PARTNER

Phillip is a seasoned business and legal affairs executive with a practice specializing in sports media.



#### **Industries**

Media & Entertainment Sports

#### **Practices**

Corporate & Securities

#### Languages

Armenian

#### **Education**

Loyola Law School, JD, 1999

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With over 20 years of experience in the sports entertainment industry, Phillip has a proven track record in executive management, negotiation, and strategic planning.

Throughout his career, Phillip has played an integral part in the negotiation and drafting of some of the largest and most complex regional and national media rights agreements and partnerships involving major professional sports leagues and teams, and collegiate conferences, including the National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, the Atlantic Coast Conference and FIFA.

#### **Previous Work**

Phillip has held significant roles, including Deputy General Counsel & SVP Business Affairs at FanDuel Sports Network, where he was a member of the executive leadership team and responsible for day-to-day operations and long-term strategic initiatives for the nation's largest portfolio of regional sports networks (RSNs).

Prior to FanDuel, Phillip played a central role in the legal affairs related to the initial divestiture of the portfolio of regional sports networks and related assets by Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. to The Walt Disney Company and the subsequent sale to Sinclair Broadcast Group, and their stand-up and reorganization as FanDuel Sports Network following Chapter 11 reorganization. His areas of practice spanned league and team rights negotiations (exceeding 100 such agreements), rights exploitation strategy, intellectual property and data sharing matters, sponsorship, advertising, and marketing agreements, streaming platform product launches (including direct-to-consumer), and network naming rights, among others.

Phillip's legal acumen is complemented by his strong leadership skills and his ability to navigate complex legal landscapes. He has been recognized for his contributions to the industry and his commitment to excellence in legal practice.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Phillip is passionate about supporting community initiatives and fostering the next generation of legal professionals.

## **Publications, Presentations & Recognitions**

#### Recognitions

Phillip is a recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award – Securities Regulations.

## **Boards, Memberships & Certifications**

#### **Boards**

Phillip is a Trustee on the Board at St. James' Episcopal School in Los Angeles.

### **Professional Activities**

Phillip is the co-founder of Animal Advocates Alliance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a focus on animal advocacy, rescue and adoption of pets from Los Angeles area shelters, and spay and neuter funding and education.

## Life Beyond the Law

Outside of work, Phillip enjoys time with family (and daughter's golf lessons), most sports, and animal advocacy.

#### **Bar Admissions**

California