



# Film, Media and Entertainment Law

Making sure that the show goes on

# THE LAW FIRM WITH A PASSION FOR PEOPLE

## About HCR Law

With decades of experience under our belt, our specialist lawyers regularly advise clients on a range of issues linked to the music, film and media sector. From actors and production companies to investors and event organisers, we work with clients throughout the sector. Our advice and sector knowledge enables our clients to progress exciting projects and events, knowing they are protected and aware of all their rights and obligations.

Much of our advice has an international element. Many musicians and production companies have a global presence, and films and events often include actors or acts from around the world. We advise corporate entities and both UK resident and non-resident individuals and can also draw on our wider network of overseas legal partners if needed.

Our services to the film media and entertainment sector include:

- Commercial: drafting commercial agreements and IP and rights licensing
- Corporate: appropriate business structures and investment models
- Regulatory: advice and representation
- Banking/Financing: supporting investment needs and advising investors
- Disputes: IP disputes and claims for libel or defamation
- Reputation management: managing media and crisis management
- Private Wealth: legal support for individuals.

Our Passion for People is at the heart of everything we do. It's the engine that keeps us ticking and inspires us to do our best. We're not satisfied unless we're making a real difference to people's lives, and we'll keep working hard to ensure we achieve the best outcome possible for you.

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# Helping rights holders, producers, film and music agents

Agents are often the lynchpin of a project, pulling together actors for a production or musicians to create an unforgettable event. Having found the right location, person or act, getting the right contract in place is vital, both to the individuals concerned and the success of the production.

We create contracts for agents, actors, production agencies and rights holders. We cover everything from protecting IP or image rights through to the drafting of film distribution rights agreements. We advise on all steps of film and music production. We also advise musicians, and their managers, on the most appropriate structure to use (such as an LLP) as well as management agreements, managing music rights and profit distribution.

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Television programme  
produced thanks to  
“brilliant” HCR  
media team

Client quote





A violinist with long dark hair tied in a ponytail is seen from behind, playing a violin. She is wearing a dark sleeveless top. The setting is a dimly lit concert hall with warm, low-key lighting. In the background, there are music stands with sheet music and a microphone. The overall atmosphere is intimate and artistic.

# Supporting venues and events

The events sector can often be challenging, with obligations on organisers and rising costs both playing a significant role. From music royalties to liquor and music licences and contracting with sub-contractors, we support venues, making sure you are aware of your responsibilities and have the right paperwork in place to run an event successfully.

The perfect location can make or break an event or production. We act for venues, making sure you are protected and that liabilities are covered appropriately. We have also acted for a number of schools to negotiate location agreements and advise on additional paperwork such as permits from local authorities. We also act for event organisers, liaising early with landowners to make sure agreements are in place in plenty of time.

We offer expert advice on planning law, assisting with the change of use for existing venues or the development of new ones. Whether you're transforming an old warehouse into a live music space or developing a brand-new event venue, we can help navigate the complexities of planning applications, zoning regulations, and local authority approvals, ensuring that your venue is compliant and set up for long-term success.



# Business foundations and growth

In the fast-moving world of film, media, and entertainment, establishing a solid business foundation is crucial. Whether you're setting up a production company, managing a venue, or organising events, the right business structure can significantly impact your operations, tax obligations, and potential exposure to liabilities. We offer expert advice on selecting the appropriate structure—be it a sole trader, partnership, limited liability partnership (LLP), or limited company—and help with the formation of governance frameworks, shareholder agreements, and internal policies.

In addition to business structuring, we provide corporate law advice tailored to the sector. Our team supports clients with mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, contract negotiations, and corporate governance, ensuring that your business stays compliant and poised for growth in this dynamic industry.



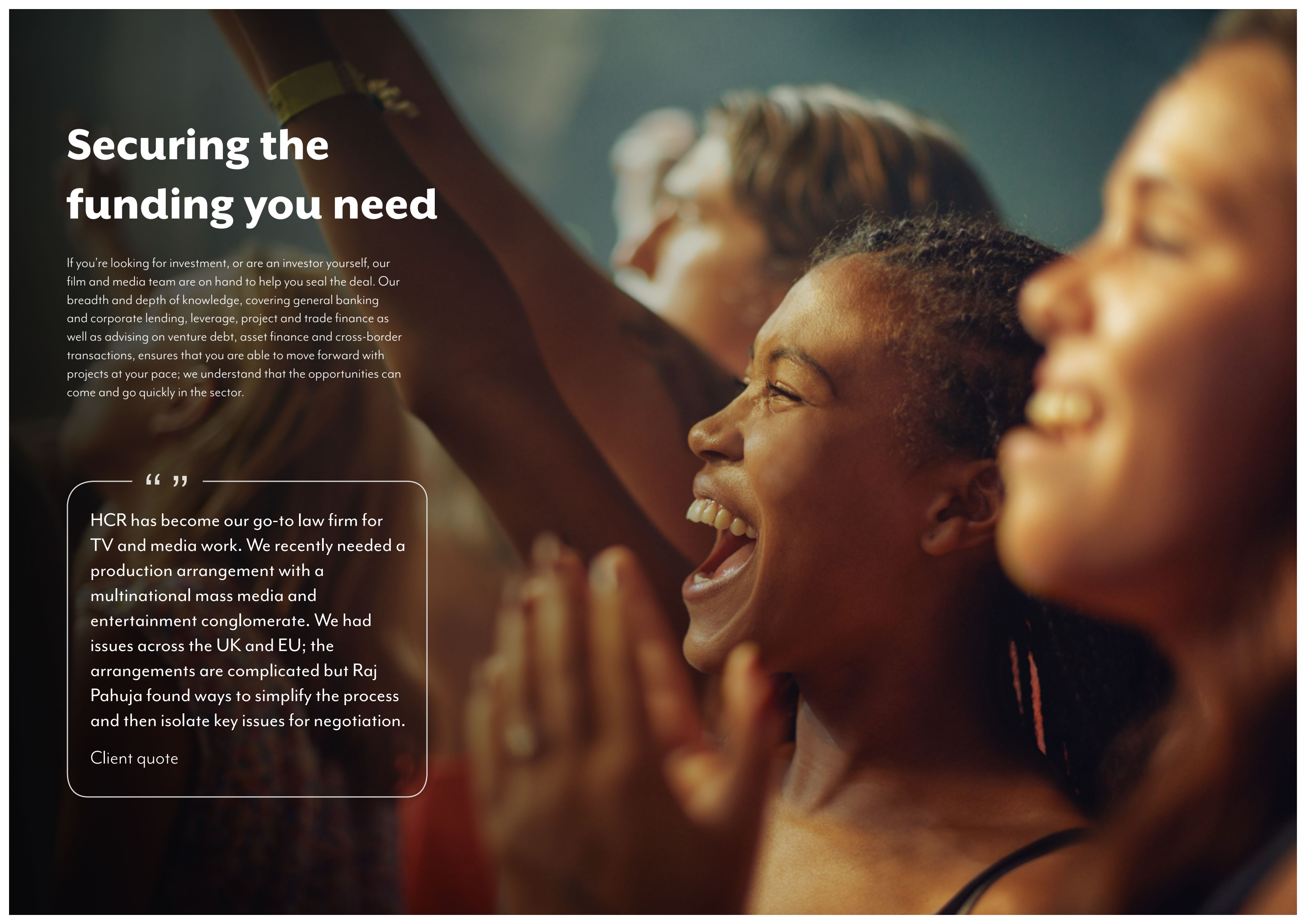




# Licences and permits

Licences and permits are fundamental to operating in the film, media, and entertainment industries. We provide comprehensive support to ensure your business complies with all relevant regulations. Whether you're securing premises licences for venues, or managing security or event-specific licences, our team ensures you're covered.



A background image showing a group of people, primarily of African descent, cheering and raising their arms in a crowd. The focus is on a woman in the foreground who is smiling broadly with her mouth open. The lighting is warm and the atmosphere is celebratory.

# Securing the funding you need

If you're looking for investment, or are an investor yourself, our film and media team are on hand to help you seal the deal. Our breadth and depth of knowledge, covering general banking and corporate lending, leverage, project and trade finance as well as advising on venture debt, asset finance and cross-border transactions, ensures that you are able to move forward with projects at your pace; we understand that the opportunities can come and go quickly in the sector.

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HCR has become our go-to law firm for TV and media work. We recently needed a production arrangement with a multinational mass media and entertainment conglomerate. We had issues across the UK and EU; the arrangements are complicated but Raj Pahuja found ways to simplify the process and then isolate key issues for negotiation.

Client quote



A young boy and girl are performing on a stage. The boy is in the foreground, sitting on the floor, wearing a striped shirt and dark pants, with his arms raised in a playful gesture. The girl is behind him, also smiling and making a similar gesture. They are both looking towards the camera. The background features red curtains and a bokeh effect of colorful lights.

# Protecting your future

Our private client team support individuals within the sector, ranging from actors and musicians through to investors and directors to protect your personal wealth. We advise individuals in connection with their personal tax planning and family matters, areas which can become complex when you are living and working in multiple countries. We also support individuals who are looking to move to the UK, on their immigration status and the relevant visas they need to apply for. Managing a range of assets including IP or music rights, portfolios and business interests can be complicated. We advise clients on making the most from your assets, supporting with your estate planning to allow you to benefit from your estate in a tax efficient way whilst also protecting your estate from life events that may impact you and your loved ones.



# hcrlaw

We support the whole production – from actors and musicians to venues, production companies and agents. We'll get your show on the road, whatever the issue in hand. For more information, visit our website.

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