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Ben Sheffner is a copyright/First Amendment/media/entertainment attorney and former journalist. Currently Counsel, Legal Affairs in the NBC Universal Television Group, Ben has also worked as Senior Counsel, Content Protection Litigation at Twentieth Century Fox, as Litigation Counsel in the NBC Universal Television Group, and as an associate in the Century City office of O'Melveny & Myers LLP. From July-November 2008, Ben served as Special Counsel on Senator John McCain's presidential campaign where, among other responsibilities, he handled the campaign's copyright, trademark, and other intellectual property issues. From 2006-2008, Ben served as Co-Chair of the Media Law Resource Center's California Chapter. Ben also served as a law clerk for the Hon. M. Margaret McKeown on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2000-2001. Ben blogs at <http://copyrightsandcampaigns.blogspot.com/>, which was recently named as a top 100 legal blog by the American Bar Association, and writes a regular column on legal issues in the music industry for *Billboard*.

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