

# STOHN HAY CAFAZZO DEMBROSKI RICHMOND LLP

## Ron Hay

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Ron provides strategic advice to Canadian and US clients on all aspects of the media, entertainment and communications industries, focusing on film and television rights acquisition, production and distribution/exploitation, and co-production structures.

He was a founding partner of Stohn Hay LLP, formed with Stephen Stohn and David Dembroski in early 2003. In December 2005 they welcomed Diana Cafazzo and Sandra Richmond from McMillan Binch LLP (now McMillan LLP), and Stohn Hay Cafazzo Dembroski Richmond LLP was born.

Ron also has roots with McMillan Binch, having worked there as an associate for nearly three years. He left McMillan Binch in late 1996 to join the ranks of in-house counsel, first at Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. (where he was Vice-President, Business & Legal Affairs - Television), then at Balmur Entertainment Ltd. (where he was Vice-President, Business & Legal Affairs). He returned to private practice in 2001, joining Stephen Stohn and Susan Abramovitch as an associate at Stohn Abramovitch, LLP.

Law is Ron's second profession – before attending law school he worked as a professional musician for six years, playing viola with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra and the Hamilton Philharmonic, and was also active as a recording studio and freelance musician. While at law school he regularly played in the orchestras of both *Les Misérables* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

### Industry Recognition

- Recognized as a leading practitioner of entertainment law by the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* and Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in Canada*

### Professional Activities

- Regular speaker / panellist at industry conferences and seminars, including participating in and/or leading sessions for the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario Bar Association, CFTPA Primetime, Women in Film and Television, the Canadian Film Centre and Ryerson University
- Director of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (Secretary) and Volcano Theatre

### Education

- Called to the Ontario Bar – 1994
- University of Toronto, B.Mus. – 1983
- Osgoode Hall Law School, LL.B. – 1992

