

**ASSOCIATION OF MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT COUNSEL ANNOUNCES WINNERS  
OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COUNSEL OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

***Joaquin Balcarcel Of Mexican Media Giant Grupo Televisa Honored  
As Counsel Of The Year And Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP As Law Firm Of The Year***

LOS ANGELES, December 15, 2010 -- The Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel (AMEC), the leading trade association serving general counsel and business affairs attorneys, today announced the winners of the prestigious 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Counsel of the Year Awards. Founded in 2005, the Media and Entertainment Counsel of the Year Awards are the only awards designed to honor attorneys who are part of the leadership at the major global media and entertainment companies. This year, the awards will have a bi-coastal presence with five of the awards presented on January 6, 2010 in New York and the remaining awards presented on January 14, in West Hollywood.

“We are proud to announce this year’s winners who again constitute the top attorneys in the entertainment industry,” says Bill Simon of Korn Ferry International and one of the founders of AMEC. “The awards recognize their dual roles as strategic business advisors and knowledgeable legal counsel. On behalf of AMEC, its founders and the advisory board members, we extend heartfelt congratulations to all of the winners.” Each winner will be honored with a distinctive statuette specially created by Bennett Gallery, which has designed awards for the NFL, NBC Universal and the American Red Cross.

The top award will be presented to General Counsel of Grupo Televisa, Joaquin Balcarcel, who was named by AMEC as its Counsel of the Year. In honoring him, AMEC cited Balcarcel’s participation in his company’s \$1.2 billion investment in Univision in exchange for a stake in the U.S.-based Spanish-language broadcaster and a new content sharing agreement between the two companies which was completed in October. “It is a privilege to be honored by my peers at AMEC,” states Balcarcel. “I particularly want to thank my team at Grupo Televisa and Douglas Kranwinkle, General Counsel of Univision, without whom the transaction would not have been made possible.”

AMEC will present Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP with the Media & Entertainment Law Firm of the Year Award. Gail Migdal Title, Managing Partner of Katten's Los Angeles office and Chair of the firm's Entertainment and Media Litigation Practice stated, "We are proud that an organization as respected as AMEC has recognized the extraordinary skill, industry knowledge and commitment to client service that our attorneys cultivate on a daily basis, to provide our entertainment and media clients with the counsel they need to successfully operate their businesses."

"I am honored and humbled to share this award with my Katten colleagues," said Michael S. Hobel, who serves as Chair of Katten's Entertainment and Media Practice. "We have worked diligently to build a sophisticated and diverse entertainment law practice that we believe is among the industry's very best."

AMEC will present its Founders' Award to Hon. H. Warren Knight (Ret.), the Founder of JAMS (Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services) (J•A•M•S), Inc. and will present its newly inaugurated Peacemaker Award to Hon. Daniel Weinstein (Ret.), also of JAMS and one of the nation's preeminent mediators of complex civil disputes.

**The Rising Star Award recipient** is Joanna Mamey, Business Representative, Theatrical & Interactive Game Contracts, Screen Actors Guild.

**The recipient of the PWC Dan Brandhorst Memorial Dealmaker Award** is Claudia Teran, Senior Vice President of Legal and Business Affairs, Fox Cable Networks.

The other honorees for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Counsel of the Year Awards are:

**Sports Counsel** - Bobby Sharma, General Counsel, NBA Development League

**Live, Location Based and Hospitality** - Danielle J. Bernthal, Assistant General Counsel, Six Flags Entertainment Corporation

**Labor and Personal Representative** – Keith Gorham, Senior Vice President, Labor Relations, NBC Universal

**Technology and New Media** - Clarissa Weirick, Senior Vice President, Business Development and General Counsel, Warner Bros. Digital Distribution

**Public Service** - Steven G. Krone, Director, Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute and Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School

**International Counsel** - Gabriella Dore, Head of Legal Affairs for Europe, Fox International Channels

### **Background Information**

For more information on the Awards, official sponsors and advisory board members, please visit the AMEC website, [www.theamec.com](http://www.theamec.com). The Counsel of the Year Awards was created to honor excellence among in-house counsel and business affairs executives at major media and entertainment companies. Key programs of the AMEC include: Media and Entertainment Counsel of the Year Awards; *M/E Insights* quarterly newsletter, distributed to over 30,000 media, entertainment and communications industry decision makers globally; and a variety of other continuing education seminars and industry news and information.

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