



# THOMAS INGRAM LAW GROUP

## Stefan T. E. Thomas

Attorney

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Serving as a trusted advisor to a diverse range of clients, Stefan works diligently to identify creative and concise solutions to individuals and businesses. Stefan brings a breadth of knowledge from his expansive professional background ranging from clerking with government agencies such as the United States Attorney Office for the Southern District of Ohio, to working in the private sector as an attorney for Kegler, Brown, Hill + Ritter.

Whether acting as outside general counsel to businesses or a legal counselor to individuals, he provides particularized strategic counsel to each client. Among his range of practice areas, Stefan's primary areas of focus have been on general business advice, litigation, and counseling artists and entertainers.

Stefan works closely with clients on issues related to corporate structuring, entity formation, and contractual execution. He further advises on global related matters such as business structuring abroad, agreement implementation between U.S. and foreign companies, anti-corruption laws, and embargoed country transactions. His collaborative and team-based approach to business strategy, relationship management, issue identification, and corporate growth, allows him to be an asset to emerging, established, and global businesses.

Stefan represents clients in criminal and civil matters. He has been involved in prosecuting and defending a number of criminal matters such as menacing, assault, drug trafficking, obstruction of justice, OVI/DUI, and theft offenses. Stefan has represented clients in civil matters relating to debt resolution, defamation, and contract breach, appearing before courts and review boards.

From negotiating reality television agreements to negotiating celebrity artists agreements, Stefan's work in the entertainment industry is wide ranging. He writes and speaks at local and national events on issues important to the Arts, offering advice to a myriad of artists including, musicians, graphic designers, and dance companies.

Stefan advises clients on protecting their ideas and brands. He advises and engages in copyright and trademark matters. Whether negotiating or executing license agreements or filing for intellectual property rights, Stefan works diligently to ensure clients are protected.

### Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, member
- Better Lawyer, editorial board member
- Columbus Bar Association, member
- Ohio State Bar Association, member

### Special Honors

- Super Lawyer, Rising Star 2016
- Who's Who in Black Columbus, 2013

### Community Involvement

- Child Development Council of Franklin County, Inc., policy council
- Lawyer for a Day Initiative, founder
- Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academies, board member
- Ohio Dance, board of trustees, member
- S.A.G.I.C., board member
- Sonya's Cancer Caregivers' Center, volunteer external advisor

### Press

- "Performance Rights - Broadcasters to Pay?"  
The Licensing Journal, September 2015
- "Film - Economic Booster for Columbus?" Lexology, July 2015
- "Practical Steps for Arts Startups," Lexology, July 2015
- "Sampling?" Lexology, April 2014
- "Streaming: Friend or Foe?" Lexology, April 2014
- "The Modern Lawyer," Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly, Winter 2014

### Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

### Education

- Capital University Law School (J.D., 2012)
- Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel (2012)
- Pontificia Universidad Catolica Argentina (UCA) in Buenos Aires, Argentina (2010-2011)
- The Ohio State University (B.A. 2009)