

John Berlinski Named to Forbes Top 200 Lawyers

Bird Marella partner [John Berlinski](#) has been named one of Forbes' Top 200 Lawyers in America. The inaugural list of the Top 200 Lawyers in America features the elite group of lawyers "who have broken barriers to emerge as leaders in their fields, as well as those who have participated in the most consequential recent cases and legal trends." As one of the entertainment industry's most trusted litigators, Mr. Berlinski represents top artists, actors, directors, producers, private equity groups, investment funds, guilds, casinos, and resorts in their most significant disputes. His recent representations include representing the actor and producer Brad Pitt in multi-jurisdictional litigation against Angelina Jolie concerning the ownership of Château Miraval, home of Miraval rosé wine. He also recently resolved a high-profile breach of contract suit on behalf of The Seelig Group ("TSG"), a private media and entertainment investment and advisory firm that has invested billions of dollars in more than 150 Twentieth Century Fox films (*Avatar*, *Death on the Nile*, *West Side Story*, *Ford v. Ferrari*), concerning the prioritization of Disney+ streaming over theatrical releases. This business practice was also at issue in another high-profile matter that Mr. Berlinski successfully resolved against Disney in 2021 on behalf of the actress Scarlett Johansson concerning her profit participation interest in *Black Widow*. In addition to this national recognition from Forbes, Mr. Berlinski has earned accolades from publications such as [Variety](#) (Top Lawyers in Hollywood: Legal Impact Report), [The Hollywood Reporter](#) (Top 100 Power Lawyers), [The American Lawyer](#) (Entertainment Trailblazer) and [Chambers USA](#). To view the complete list of honorees, click [here](#). *Each year, leading business publisher Forbes releases global rankings based on various categories, ranging from the world's wealthiest and most influential to the best colleges in America. An editorial team of experienced legal professionals selected its Top 200 Lawyers list debut.*