

Bird Marella Files Amicus Brief for Nation's Largest Labor Union to Ensure Employment Rights for Television Series Regulars

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The brief addresses changes in the television industry, hardships caused to television series regulars from the exclusivity and option provisions in their series contracts, and why the appellate court should be careful in the scope of its ruling and its language. The reason being, executives at issue in the *Fox v. Netflix* case, who were working and compensated full-time and owed the highest fiduciary duties to their employer, are far different than television series regulars who are not working or receiving full-time compensation, and therefore do not owe similar fiduciary duties to their respective employers.

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