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Michael Simkins LLP is a specialist international law firm providing legal and business advisory services to the media, entertainment and sports industries.

Nigel Bennett is a senior equity partner, having managed the firm from 1992-96, and currently leads the firm's Film & Television Group. He is also a lead partner in the firm's Sports Group.

Personal Details

Born	15 June 1945
Educated	Dulwich College Clare College, Cambridge
Professional Training	Rubinstein Nash, Solicitors
Professional Background	Lecturer in Contract & Commercial Law, College of Law, London 1971-73 Michael Simkins LLP (and formerly The Simkins Partnership) 1973 to date

Work Background

Since 1973 I have been advising and negotiating deals for a wide range of clients in the entertainment industries, predominantly the international film and television sectors and the sports world. Some examples are

- Advising David Puttnam and Enigma Productions
- Advising Conran Holdings on IP issues
- Advising several literary agencies on film and television projects for their author clients
- Advising Nigella Lawson on various television and publishing projects
- Advising the Central Office of Information on television and film projects
- Advising the Test Match Cricket Grounds on the staging of Test Matches and drafting and settling the Staging Agreement with the England & Wales Cricket Board
- Advising the Special Trustees of Great Ormond Street Hospital on the exploitation of Peter Pan works bequeathed to the Hospital by Sir James Barrie
- Advising companies in the WPP Group on advertiser funded programming

I am the partner responsible for managing the firm's relationships with many key clients including The British Museum, Conran Holdings, Charles Saatchi, MCC, Ed Victor Limited, RKO Pictures, and several independent production companies. I also have a small number of high profile individuals for whom we provide a legal/business management service. I was invited to train as a mediator by the Producers Association.

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