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Practice: Well-known in the music industry, New York-based firm Pryor Cashman Sherman & Flynn's has a particular focus upon defendant instructions for record labels, music publishers and recording artists. As well as successfully defending the hip-hop artist Kanye West against infringement of copyright claims, the firm is currently defending Mariah Carey and others against allegations of copyright infringement concerning the song 'It's Like That', released on the album 'The Emancipation of Mimi'.

Also fairly active in the film and television industry, the firm has relationships with a number of the country's major studios. Recent highlights include the representation of two major studios against copyright infringement allegations relating to the motion picture 'The Island'.

The firm's litigation strength also enables it to successfully advise clients on a host of strategic issues relating to risk assessment and claims avoidance.

CLIENTS: Pryor Cashman Sherman & Flynn has an '*excellent pedigree*' within the film and music industries, advising an impressive raft of clients including film studios (New Line Pictures), music publishers (EMI Music Publishing), record companies (Universal Music Group) and artists (Mariah Carey, Usher, Kanye West and Justin Timberlake).

INDIVIDUALS: A senior litigator at Pryor Cashman Sherman & Flynn, **Donald Zakarin** offers extensive trial experience both at federal and state level. Well-known in the music industry, he regularly represents music publishers in copyright disputes.

An experienced litigator, **Tom Ferber** has been involved in copyright infringement litigation for clients in the entertainment, publishing and beverage industries. Recommended for his work within the film industry, in addition to regular litigation instructions, he advises major industry players on risk evaluation of film and television projects.

Lead partner in the firm's branding, licensing and enforcement practice, **Brad Rose** regularly provides strategic advice to a raft of clients in the entertainment and fashion industries. On the contentious side, Rose is regularly involved in apparel copyright infringement matters.