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Dale Kinsella

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“Law & Order” creator Dick Wolf’s divorce spilled into federal court this year when ex-wife Christine sued Wolf’s business managers at Loring Ward for failing to properly investigate the value of the show.

Kinsella won a summary dismissal of the case after a complex three-year litigation. “The expert depositions in the case in large measure involved an analysis of the present value of the ‘Law & Order’ trilogy of shows projected out well into the future,” he says. “As there has never been a series that has aired as long on network television as the original ‘Law & Order,’ the valuation analysis was extraordinarily complicated.” The well-connected Kinsella also is representing “Watchmen” producer Lawrence Gordon in settling the aftermath of Fox’s litigation with Warner Bros. over the film’s chain-of-title.

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After 45 years in practice, Weitzman says he still loves “the challenge of solving problems.” And there’s plenty out there: Recent representations include Rande Gerber in litigation involving the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego; Sharon Osbourne in a case brought against her by a “Rock of Love: Charm School” contestant; and a suit over an HBO Farrah Fawcett documentary. The former Universal exec vp operations also was brought in recently to handle disputes on behalf of the Michael Jackson estate.