

### The Business Case for Black Stories in Media and Entertainment: Exploring Dealmaking, Tax Incentives, and Co-Production Treaties

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**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. PST  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. CST  
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Sheppard Mullin's Black Attorney Group is excited to announce its ***Entertainment Industry Panel***, in celebration of Black History Month. The panel will feature prominent thought leaders, successful business people, and talented legal professionals. This panel is part of a series of events sponsored by Diversity and Inclusion at Sheppard Mullin to celebrate the unique contributions and history of Black people.

Recent developments in media and entertainment have brought African Americans and Africans in the diaspora, particularly in Africa, together in meaningful ways than ever before. Black Panther, New York Times' 1619 project and the Year of Return to Accra, Ghana are some of the recent landmark events. In celebration of Black History Month, this panel will explore the power of entertainment (film, TV and music) in telling African-American and African stories, the cultural and business cases for these stories, and recommendations for building on the recent successes. The panel will also discuss Nollywood (Nigeria's and Africa's leading film and TV industry) and it's potential in the global media and entertainment landscape. We will explore various deal structures in film and TV development, financing, production, and distribution and how tax incentives and co-production treaties can be used as mechanisms for driving and fostering partnerships among African American and African filmmakers and financiers.

#### **Presented by**

- **Lasherelle Morgan**, *Senior Counsel/Head of Legal*, LATAM (Amazon Studios)
- **Chinny Onwugbenu**, *CEO*, T.E.N. Limited

- **Emeka Orjiakor**, *Senior Counsel*, Amazon Studios
- **Chiquita Woolfolk Banks**, *Vice President-Services*, TPC

## Moderated by

- **Segun Aluko** (Moderator), *Associate*, Sheppard Mullin

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**Questions?** Please contact Belinda Ashong.

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