

Firm Lands CMG Leader

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The Sommer Barnard PC law firm has landed the former president of CMG Worldwide Inc. to lead its new licensing division, which will work closely with Sommer Barnard's existing Intellectual Property Practice Group.

As head of locally based CMG, the world's largest celebrity licensing company, Jonathan Faber, 34, helped protect the intellectual property rights of such stars as James Dean, Sophia Loren and Marilyn Monroe. But perhaps this biggest accomplishment was bringing the estate of Princess Diana to CMG.

Faber spent nearly 10 years at the firm and became President in December 2002, after becoming the highest-revenue-generating lawyer in the company's history. He was content at CMG, but couldn't pass on the opportunity to work for Sommer Barnard, he said.

"I know several of the people at Sommer Barnard, and I was aware of some of the initiatives they were building," Faber said. "We had this overwhelming feeling that there was a mutual fit. I acted on the opportunity and saw it as the next challenge for my career."

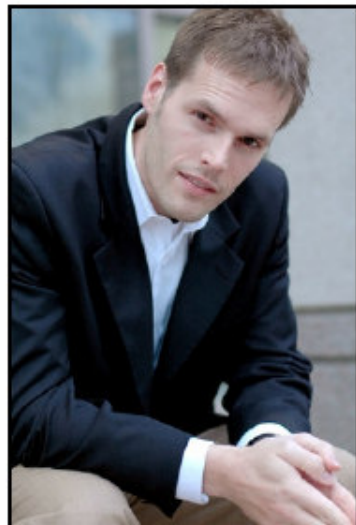
Faber will help clients license their intellectual property.

He was hired early last year by Motley Crue founding member Nikki Sixx to represent him in a case against Vans Inc., a California-based maker of shoes and apparel with annual revenue of more than \$330 million.

Vans used Sixx's image in an ad campaign, and the bassist sought compensation for what he said was unauthorized use. Faber testified about the value of Sixx's image to the ad campaign and provided testimony to the jury, which awarded Sixx \$600,000 plus interest, attorney's fees and court costs. The total award was just more than \$1 million.

Faber got a law degree from the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1999. Before joining CMG in 1997, he worked in former Mayor Steve Goldsmith's office and in Los Angeles for New York-based Atlantic Records.

He is a member of IBJ's 2003 Forty under 40 class.



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