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Jill Basinger leads the firm's Entertainment, Media, and Sports Litigation Practice. Repeatedly named a "Top 100 Power Lawyer" by *The Hollywood Reporter* and one of the "Best Lawyers in Show Biz" by *Variety*, Jill is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading entertainment litigators.

"A go-to litigator for Hollywood's most consequential disputes" (*LA Times Studios*), Jill is known for steady judgment and strategic clarity. She begins with a clear assessment of what can be won, what must be protected, and what risks the client cannot afford. Sometimes that means moving decisively in court; other times it means finding quiet, creative solutions. In matters involving public scrutiny, she can also lead the front-facing response to manage public exposure.

For more than a decade, Jill was a partner at Glaser Weil, where she represented a who's who of showrunners, actors, broadcasters, journalists, writers, producers, production companies, financiers, agents, agencies, and other above- and below-the-line talent. She has tried, arbitrated, mediated, or otherwise resolved disputes across a broad range of substantive areas, including defamation, harassment, non-disclosure agreements, breach of contract, fraud, publicity and privacy rights, employee mobility, trade secrets, family estate disputes, intellectual property, commission disputes, profit participation, and project finance.

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Following her time at Glaser Weil, Jill served as the first Chief Legal Officer of Discovery Land Company, the leading global developer and operator of luxury private residential communities and resorts. In that role, she led legal strategy and advised the CEO and executive management on the company's highest-stakes matters, overseeing complex litigation, corporate governance, major transactions (including mergers and joint ventures), and regulatory matters.

Jill began her career as a law clerk for the Honorable A. Andrew Hauk, Chief Judge Emeritus of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was Articles Editor for the *Michigan Journal of Gender and Law*, and her B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she was a member of the twice national champion CEDA Debate team. She lives in Bel Air, California, with her husband of 30 years. They are currently coming to grips with being empty nesters.

Publications

Recent examples of Jill's publications include:

- "How California's NDA Restrictions Cause More Harm Than Good for Survivors," *The Hollywood Reporter*, co-author (March 2020) (coauthored with Michael Smith)
- Co. Directors Must Beware Dangers Of Reverse Factoring, *Law360* (November 9, 2023)

Awards

Top 100 Power Lawyers, The Hollywood Reporter (2019, 2020, 2021)

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Best Lawyers in Show Biz, Variety Impact Report (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

500 Leading Global Litigators, Lawdragon (2026)

500 Leading Litigators in America, Lawdragon (2027)

America's Top Women Lawyers, Forbes (2026)

Entertainment Business Visionaries, LA Times Studios (2026)

Women of Influence: Attorneys, Los Angeles Business Journal (2026)

Top 250 Women in Litigation, Benchmark Litigation (2021)

Top Women Lawyers, Daily Journal (2016)

Top Defense Verdict, Daily Journal (2013) (for victory in *FBP Investments LP v. Sea Prestigio LLC*)