

Gang, Tyre, Ramer, Brown & Passman



■ DON PASSMAN



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After graduating from **Harvard Law School** in 1970, **Don Passman** entered the workforce as a tax lawyer, but a summer internship in Los Angeles led to an opportunity to join entertainment firm **Gang Tyre**. He initially decided to stay with the tax firm when he was promised the opportunity to build the entertainment side of the firm, but instead Passman ended up

flooded with securities, mergers and acquisitions work, so he immediately headed to **Gang Tyre**, where he's been working ever since. Under mentor **Payson Wolff**, who clerked for Supreme Court Chief Justice **Earl Warren** and repped **Bob Hope**, **Capitol Records** and **Warner Bros. Records**, Passman learned the ins and outs of entertainment law from one of the best to ever draft a contract.

Passman made his bones at Gang, Tyre during the **Mo Ostin** era at WBR, which made extensive use of the GT music department as an outside resource for counsel when the Bunny's legal team was overloaded.

Outside of the industry's power circle, Passman is known for writing what has long been considered the music-business bible, *All You Need to Know About the Music Business* (now in its tenth edition). Along with being an impeccable attorney for some of the biggest players in the biz, Passman is a dedicated father of four as well as an avid poker shark and accomplished guitar player. He has also penned several mystery novels.

Gene Salomon and **Ethan Schiffres** lead Passman's team, with A-list clients including **Taylor Swift**, **Adele** and **P!nk**, all of whom landed megadeals with major labels recently. Our spies inform us that the roster of topline execs they advise includes one global music-group chairman, four major label heads and a major pubco's co-chair.

Salomon also serves as Chair of the Board of the Southern California Committee for the **Olympic Games**. Prior to joining Gang, Tyre in December 2000, he spent 13 years at **Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp** as partner and head of its music practice.

Schiffres, a fellow Harvard Law grad (2010), was previously an associate at **O'Melveny & Myers'** Century City offices. He graduated from **Duke** in 2005 with a degree in public policy studies, after which he worked in sales for **Sony BMG** and in marketing/A&R for **Red Light Management** in New York. Schiffres is involved in the **City of Hope's** music- and entertainment-industry initiatives. ■

Top-bottom: Passman with Bob Cavallo, Shelli and Irving Azoff, Kathy Nelson and Phil Q; with his fan club; with Randy Newman

