

Litigators



RICHARD BUSCH, 50

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Busch won a surprise jury decision in the “Blurred Lines” copyright infringement case and \$5.3 million in damages for the estate of Marvin Gaye, sharing credit with Levinsohn, the Gaye family’s transactional lawyer. But was the victory really unexpected? Consider Busch’s track record. “We’ve had many jury verdicts and victories that are important in the area of copyright law,” says Busch, a married father of three. He previously won landmark victories regarding the need for licenses in music sampling (Bridgeport Music v. Dimension Films, 2005) and the treatment of digital downloads for determining royalty payments (Eminem’s F.B.T. Productions v. Aftermath Records, 2010). With “Blurred Lines” songwriters Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams appealing the verdict, Levinsohn hopes he might cite a settlement “as next year’s greatest accomplishment.”

MOST TREASURED POSSESSION *Busch*: “I was nearly killed in a bike accident in September 2013, and I received the most beautiful, handwritten get-well note from James Taylor and his wife, Kim.”

NEVER GET ON A PLANE WITHOUT *Levinsohn*: “Good headphones.”