

## Rick Siegel

Rick Siegel is a former stand-up comedian who first created LaughTrack, a national magazine about stand-up comedy<sup>1</sup> and later became a personal manager best known for his efforts to change the California Labor Commission's interpretation of the California **Talent Agencies Act** ("TAA").<sup>2</sup>

In a case brought by Siegel's management firm, Marathon Entertainment, the California Supreme Court found that the Labor Commission had wrongly not been incorporating severance when adjudicating Talent Agencies Act controversies.<sup>3</sup>

Siegel has served as an expert witness and has written multiple articles related to the TAA that have been published by the Los Angeles Daily Journal. Most notable: the December 9, 2014 article the newspaper entitled, "A Generation of Incorrect Talent Agencies Act Rulings," where Siegel detailed how the current interpretation conflicts with four California Supreme court holdings.<sup>4</sup>

He has also written several columns published by The Huffington Post about the 2008 Presidential Election.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://thecomicscomic.com/2015/02/19/the-road-to-stand-up-stardom-circa-1989-via-laughtrack-magazine/>

<sup>2</sup> CA. Labor Code 1700 -1700.45, TAA

<sup>3</sup> *Marathon Entertainment vs. Rosa Blasi*, (2008) 42 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 974

<sup>4</sup> Los Angeles Daily Journal, December 9, 2014: A Generation of Incorrect Talent Agencies Act Rulings