

## Hollywood's Troubleshooters: Top 35 Lawyers for Death, Divorce and Other Disasters

There's no business or personal problem too complex for these Power Lawyers.

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As the lives and businesses of entertainment's elite become increasingly complex, gone are the days of one-note fixers. *The Hollywood Reporter*'s Troubleshooters — who were identified through public documents, media reports and insider intel, as well as a formal nomination process — have risen to the challenge. From fake sonograms in extortion cases to the tragedy on the *Rust* set to the chaos at Twitter headquarters, this group of Power Lawyers has seen and handled it all.

Profiles by Pamela Chelin, Winston Cho and Deborah Wilker.

## Joe Tacopina



Joe Tacopina Photo: Courtesy of Subject

## TACOPINA SEIGEL & DEOREO | CRIMINAL

Former prosecutor and veteran defense attorney Tacopina got YG's robbery case dismissed on the eve of trial and is now representing A\$AP Rocky in a criminal matter in L.A. Meanwhile, in D.C. he represented Washington Commanders owner Dan Snyder during questioning by the House Oversight Committee and in other litigation related to the NFL team's allegedly toxic workplace culture, and recently repped Kimberly Guilfoyle in connection with the Jan. 6 congressional hearings. A familiar face to even casual TV viewers because of many appearances as a legal expert, Tacopina sees remote work continuing to rise among attorneys, "but not at my firm. We like the energy and synergy that comes with in-person collaboration."

**ONE PIECE OF ADVICE FOR CLIENTS THAT NEVER FAILS** "Don't make permanent decisions based on temporary emotions."

THE CASE I'M WATCHING MOST CLOSELY (THAT ISN'T MY OWN) IS ... "The various Trump litigations and investigations because it is historical, sad but historical, that a former president is under multiple criminal investigations."