

Bedford Center for the Arts to feature Copyright Expert Drew Epstein on April 28th Event

Drew Epstein, a lawyer specializing in copyright and contract law, will be the featured speaker at a Bedford Center for the Arts event from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday April 28, at St. Paul's Parish Hall, 100 Pine Hill Road, Bedford, Mass. Epstein will share his vast experience dealing with intellectual property issues as well as answer questions from the audience. "Should I place a copyright symbol or notice on my artwork and is it then protected?" Get answers to this and other questions from Boston's legal expert in the field.

Epstein's avid interest in the visual arts, photography and antiques informs his law practice at Barker, Epstein & Loscocco in Boston, where he represents hundreds of artists, photographers and writers as well as museums and arts organizations. In addition to practicing general business law and litigation, he focuses on copyright, trademark, contracts and licensing issues

Epstein received both his BA and JD from Boston University. He taught Legal Issues for Arts Administrators for many years, a course in the Graduate Arts Administration Program at Boston University and was honored as the first recipient of the Attorney of the Year Award by the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts. He has contributed numerous articles on copyright and contract law to journals as well as lectures frequently on the topic.

A member of the Board of Directors of the Photographic Resource Center at Boston University (PRC) for more than 20 years, he served as President of the Board for five years. During his first month as president, he successfully helped defend the PRC when a criminal complaint for obscenity was filed in court seeking to close the popular but controversial exhibition the "Emperor's New Clothes" (1990) because of its highly controversial sexual content. Epstein also serves on the Board of Directors of the Griffin Museum of Photography in Winchester, Mass. And the Board of Advisors at Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. and is a member of American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP).

The Bedford Center for the Arts exists to support the community's artistic desires though classes, workshops, musical and dramatic presentations, lectures, movies, exhibits, collaborative projects and other art-related activities. As a small, primarily all-volunteer organization, it focuses efforts on partnerships and collaborations that can bring these opportunities to Bedford. For more information, see www.bedfordarts.org or contact Elizabeth Hacala at bca@elizabethhacala.com