



MALTA FILM & TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS

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WHY MALTA?

Malta is fast becoming known as the 'Hollywood of the Mediterranean'. Over the years it has seen a number of major international productions (including several television productions) being filmed almost entirely on location. 'Midnight Express', 'Gladiator', 'White Squall', 'Troy', 'U-571', 'The Count of Montecristo', 'Agora' and 'Munich' are just a few of the many feature films that have used Malta extensively. Television productions include a number of commercials, documentaries and television series (the first season of HBO's 'Game of Thrones' being one of the most prominent).

The most attractive features of the Island are the numerous locations that offer a variety of settings and natural backdrops (Malta can easily double as Italy, Greece, the Middle East and a number of other locations without resorting to substantial set constructions), the warm, temperate climate, several hours of natural light and the large water tanks and other facilities at the Mediterranean Film Studios. In addition, the beneficial financial incentives mentioned below and the strong support and direction of the Malta Film Commission play a significant part in attracting major film and television productions to Malta.

MAMO TCV ADVOCATES

Media and entertainment law is one of the areas in which our firm has developed considerable expertise over the years. Our media and entertainment law department is dedicated to the areas of film and television production and music and entertainment law generally.

As described below, the department advises clients on the contractual and financing arrangements (especially via international co-production structures) for feature films and television programming, as well as dealing with the contractual arrangements for talent and other participants in those production activities. We also advise on legal issues relating to the music industry (including music recording and publishing agreements). We also advise in all areas of copyright law and other intellectual property rights.





FILM-FINANCING

Mamo TCV's media and entertainment law team will be able to advise you on all aspects of film and television finance, from equity finance and bank lending to television licensing. We will be able to advise you at any stage of your negotiations. The media and entertainment law department draws on the experience of the banking and finance law department within the firm in advising on all areas of film and television finance and production.

CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS

Mamo TCV can assist you throughout the whole process of film and television production, that is, from the initial development stages such as the acquisition of the rights in the underlying material, up to the exploitation of all the rights in the audiovisual production. We will also be able to advise you as regards any security matters concerning local lending facilities and copyright issues. The firm has acted as production lawyers on audiovisual projects for the international market and provided legal services on numerous feature films and television productions.

LOCATION ARRANGEMENTS

Mamo TCV will be able to assist you in any location arrangements that you may require and will be able to provide general advice on regulatory issues, licenses and authorizations. We have very good relations with the relevant authorities and can ably assist you in obtaining the necessary permits (including police assistance for film-shoots in urban environments).

FILM PRODUCTION COMPANIES

Mamo TCV offers full legal consultancy services in all matters of corporate law including the setting up of film and television production companies and all related issues (company administration, mergers and acquisitions, setting up of joint ventures, winding-up and dissolution etc.).

EMPLOYMENT AND TALENT AGREEMENTS

Mamo TCV will be able to advise you on local employment laws and regulations (relating to such things as work permits for cast and crew, health and safety issues etc.). The media and entertainment law department draws on the experience of the employment and industrial relations department in advising on employment issues (including contract drafting). The firm will be able to draft any necessary contracts or forms for the entire cast and crew.

ACCESSING MALTESE BENEFITS

The firm will be able to offer you alternative structures and will assist you in choosing the best option for your project. We can advise on tax-based and other related incentives. Mamo TCV will assist you in benefiting from the substantial financial incentives which are regularly announced by the Maltese Government (and which have attracted a number of film and television productions to the Island in recent years).



INTERNATIONAL CO-PRODUCTIONS

The difficulty in raising finance, together with the parallel growth of the average costs of film production are turning international film co-production arrangements into the rule of the day. Mamo TCV may assist you in the drafting and negotiation of any co-production arrangements that you may require. The intricacies of qualification need to be fully understood to ensure that the appropriate national authorities accept a film for qualification. With our extensive understanding of the applicable legal regimes, we can help you identify and avoid the likely pitfalls for qualification and find the most appropriate co-production structures.

PROPERTY LEASES

The firm will be able to assist you in all matters relating to property law in Malta including tax implications as well as lease agreements for temporary accommodation on the Island (whether residential or commercial).

TAXATION

Apart from advising you on the various schemes and fiscal incentives available in Malta, Mamo TCV offers full consultancy services in all matters relating to taxation (including property tax implications, corporate matters, VAT and other tax matters relating specifically to the film and television industry).

INSURANCE

Mamo TCV is one of the leading law firms in Malta in the field of insurance regulatory and contract law. The firm boasts of a strong, specialized insurance law department representing a number of Maltese and foreign companies. We are able to use this wealth of experience in advising and assisting you in all matters of insurance law relating to the film and television industry.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Our litigation department is experienced in advising and acting for clients in respect of all media and entertainment related issues (in particular defamation, libel, rights protection, intellectual property claims and dispute resolution).

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