



PRESS RELEASE

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Directors UK appoints Peter Wiley as General Counsel

Peter Wiley joins Directors UK as General Counsel today.

As General Counsel, Peter will work alongside CEO **Andy Harrower** and play a leading role in Directors UK's discussions and negotiations with streamers, broadcasters, production companies and other industry organisations and bodies.

Andy says: "With years of experience as an in-house lawyer in the broadcast and media industry, Peter brings with him legal expertise and commercial judgement that will be invaluable to the organisation as we continue to protect the rights of directors in the UK. His in-depth knowledge of the workings of our industry is a huge asset to us, and to our members."

Speaking of his appointment, Peter says: "The work that Directors UK does for its members and the directing community is important, and I'm looking forward to working with Andy and his team to ensure that directors are respected, valued and supported."

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Notes to Editors

About Peter Wiley

Peter is a highly experienced media and entertainment lawyer, having spent many years in senior positions within the Legal Department of The Walt Disney Company. He served as Disney's European General Counsel from 2005 to 2015 and then International General Counsel from 2016 to 2023. In both roles he led the legal teams supporting Disney's extensive film and television businesses ranging from local television production through to all forms of licensing, linear television broadcasting and direct-to-consumer distribution. Prior to joining Disney, he worked for the London law firm Frere Cholmeley Bischoff.

About Directors UK

Directors UK is the professional association of UK screen directors. It is a membership organisation representing the creative, economic and contractual interests of over 8,000 members – the majority of working TV and film directors in the UK. Directors UK negotiates rights deals and collects and distributes royalties to its members. It also campaigns and lobbies on its members' behalf and provides a range of services including legal advice, events and career development. Directors UK works closely with fellow organisations around the world to represent directors' rights and concerns, promotes excellence in the craft of direction and champions change to the current landscape to create an equal opportunity industry for all.

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