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PIONEER SPIRIT When AmLaw-ranked law firms WolfBlock, Heller Ehrman, and Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault dissolved, they turned to the team of Leslie Corwin and Simon Miller. Numerous accounting and banking firm clients likewise know the duo as the go-to guys for partnership disputes and business divorce. Seeing a new opportunity in the market, the pair in 2018 launched a New York office of Los Angeles-based entertainment boutique Eisner, LLP. Entertainers and their support people operate as small businesses, Miller said. "You read about entertainers getting into disputes with their managers. Their business divorces are very similar to the types of divorces that we see at firms, family businesses, any type of closely held businesses."

TRAILS BLAZED As a business litigator, Corwin worked with the entertainment team at Greenberg Traurig for 16 years. Miller also has extensive experience representing music industry entertainers in Los Angeles, New York and Atlanta. The pair have moved together a couple of times, most recently from Blank Rome. Corwin says the business is portable and fits as easily in a midsize firm as it did in a global megafirm. So when the recruiters went fishing, they bit. "None of the AmLaw firms have really been able to get a foothold of the entertainment business here in New York," Corwin said.

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS "Obviously there are firms (in New York) that do entertainment, but we are going to create an office that, while entertainment focused, will be a general business practice," Miller said. That means everything from contracts and tax to litigation.

