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Todd Burns is an American filmmaker and lawyer. He is also a serial entrepreneur with businesses in technology, defense, creative, film, and real estate.

He is the Managing Partner of BURNSLAW. Over the course of his career, he has worked on many significant and public matters across the legal spectrum.

Todd has consulted on hundreds of corporate, government, private equity, hedge fund, entertainment industry-related matters including negotiating or analyzing thousands of entertainment industry contracts, commercial contracts, M&A deals, venture capital, corporate and non-profit related transactions. Todd's clients have included many famous individuals in business, entertainment, as well as global political leaders and companies; which has earned him the title of Attorney to the Stars.

While in law school, Todd raised funding for Mpower Pictures, a film company in Santa Monica and Mpower Media, a technology company in Virginia. Mpower Media was sold to Hulu. Mpower Pictures has won the top awards at the Toronto Film Festival, the Tribeca Film Festival and the Los Angeles Film Festival. Todd has produced a number of films, including *The Stoning of Soraya M.*, winner of awards at the Toronto and Los Angeles film festivals. *The Stoning of Soraya M.* led to a reversal of stoning laws in Iran and throughout the Middle East. His company, with John Shepherd and Steve McEveety has produced *Bella*, the winner of the Toronto Film Festival audience award, as well as other features such as *Man Down*. He has been a mentor to many documentary filmmakers with films he has helped shape, many of which were released theatrically including *The Dropbox*, *Liberated*, and numerous political documentaries.

Todd has worked in several capacities throughout the as a "fixer" on non-standard legal and business issues. He also has had a practice managing celebrities.

He currently is invested in a startup related to the world of connection and conflict resolution with Dr. Matt Lederman and Dr. Alona Pulde (*Forks over Knives*, Amazon/Whole Foods). He sits on over 30 non-profit and for-profit boards including advising the anti-trafficking organization Exodus Cry and the sovereign kidnapping and crisis group the David House Agency. As to for-profit boards, he is focused on defense, technology and private equity. He is passionate about human rights causes, primarily focused on Iran, Afghanistan, Myanmar and North Korea. He is also the founding chairman of Liberty in North Korea. He produces documentaries and films yearly and is a mentor to many of the young leading filmmakers focused on human rights today. Todd's current documentaries in production focus on Native American issues related to murdered and missing women, big porn, sex trafficking, human connection, nutrition, military leadership, and international criminal syndicates.

Todd is the executive board director of Exodus Cry coordinating the TraffickingHub campaign and major strategy for the war against Pornhub and other sites (including other major porn sites globally and the companies that host search results and point to those sites). Led by Laila Mickelwait, the campaign partnered with hundreds of organizations causing Pornhub to take down over 90% of their content.