

COURTNEY D. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT, BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION
PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Courtney D. Armstrong has served as President, Business Affairs and Administration for Paramount Pictures since October 2021.

He is an experienced negotiator with in-depth knowledge of business and legal matters pertaining to motion pictures from acquisition and financial analysis through distribution. In his current role, he oversees all day-to-day business and legal aspects of worldwide film acquisition, development, production and initial distribution (theatrical, Paramount+, etc.) for the studio, including supervising the negotiations of key deals with filmmakers and talent. Additionally, he leads the studio's business development group. As the head of business development, he oversees the analysis and evaluation of all new business opportunities for Paramount, and works on the company's strategic planning activities. He also works closely with the marketing, distribution, home entertainment, interactive, consumer products and cable/SVOD sales divisions of Paramount Pictures.

During his career, Armstrong has been involved with many key film projects, including "Joker," "The Dark Knight Trilogy," "Aquaman," "A Star Is Born," "Crazy Rich Asians," "Wonder Woman," "Justice League," "American Sniper," "Just Mercy," and "Judas and the Black Messiah."

Prior to joining Paramount Pictures, Armstrong spent 18 years at Warner Bros. Pictures with his most recent role being Executive Vice President, Worldwide Business Affairs. Armstrong joined Warner Bros. Pictures in 2003 as a Director of Business Affairs, and was promoted to Vice President in 2004, and Senior Vice President in 2007. Before joining Warner Bros., he spent three years at Walt Disney Pictures as an attorney in the Business and Legal Affairs department of the Motion Picture Group. Armstrong began his career as a litigation associate on the entertainment litigation team at the Los Angeles-based law firm Paul Hastings, LLP.

Armstrong is a graduate of the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and holds an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He received his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University. In 2018, the Northwestern University Alumni Association awarded Armstrong the Northwestern Alumni Medal, the highest honor bestowed on an alumnus or alumna. In May 2019, Armstrong delivered the commencement address at the convocation of the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

Armstrong sits on the board of Verisign, Inc. In addition, he serves on the boards of Northwestern University (2019) and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law (2007). Armstrong is also a member of the Executive Leadership Council (2015), and a member of the Executive Branch with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (2016).

In his free time, Armstrong enjoys skiing, golfing and spending time with his wife and two children.

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