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O'Melveny's Maltby Quoted in Daily Journal on Anti-Bribery Laws in the Chinese Film Industry

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O'Melveny & Myers LLP White Collar Defense and Corporate Investigations Partner Jeremy Maltby was quoted in the April 26, 2012, *Daily Journal* article "Entertainment lawyers advise FCPA review," explaining how amid scrutiny by the Securities and Exchange Commission into Hollywood's dealings with the Chinese film industry, many studios have established compliance departments and policies to deal with those risks.

"Companies want to look at all their possible touch points with government officials and think about those situations," Maltby said. "In the context of film production, you can often rub up against the government in getting permission to film in certain venues, getting streets closed off or getting police protection. You can imagine the range of situations where you may come into contact with the government."

Maltby told the *Daily Journal* that when hiring locals as production staff, contractors, consultants, or lobbyists "if any of those people make improper payments on your behalf, the US company can be liable." He noted it "includes gifts and entertainment, things like lavish meals, travel or offering a job or internship to a relative - the kind of perks Hollywood is known for."