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Karen Barnes, Senior Vice President, Development & Production, HIT Entertainment and Executive Producer, *Barney & Friends™* and *Angelina Ballerina™ The Next Steps*, brings more than 20 years of television production and broadcast experience to HIT. In her role, Ms. Barnes oversees the development and production of the *Barney & Friends* television series, along with all Barney™ Home Entertainment releases. In addition, Ms. Barnes is the Executive Producer for the all-new CG animated *Angelina Ballerina The Next Steps*, which follows an 8-year-old Angelina as she embarks on the next stage in her life at a new school for the performing arts.

Most recently, she served as a production consultant for Sesame Workshop, Hallmark Channel and *ToddWorld*. Prior to that, Ms. Barnes held several positions at FOX, including Executive Vice President, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Home Entertainment and Executive Vice President, Development and Programming at FOX Kids. Ms. Barnes started her career at The Jim Henson Company, where she was head of production and development for North America.

She has received numerous awards and recognition for creative achievement, including a George Foster Peabody Award and two National Education Association Awards. Before venturing into the creative arena, Ms. Barnes was a business affairs attorney. She is also a certified mediator.

She received her BA from Marymount Manhattan College and JD from Fordham Law School.