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Ralph Oman is counsel in the intellectual property group of Dechert LLP. He has three decades of international experience in patent, copyright, and trademark law. Before entering private practice in 1994, Mr. Oman was Register of Copyrights of the United States (1985–1993), the chief government official charged with administering the national copyright law. During his tenure as Register, he helped move the United States into the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, the oldest and most prestigious international copyright treaty — a goal sought by U.S. Registers for 100 years.

Before becoming Register, Mr. Oman served in several other government positions including chief counsel of the Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks, and Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate (1983–1985). In his total of 10 years (1975–1985) as a senior lawyer on the Senate Judiciary Committee staff, he participated directly in the enactment of every amendment to the U.S. patent, trademark, and copyright laws. In 2002, he received the Jefferson Medal in recognition of his lifelong commitment to strong intellectual property protection.

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