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John L. Simson, executive director of \*SoundExchange<sup>®</sup>, has been involved in the music industry since 1971 as songwriter, recording artist, manager, entertainment lawyer and executive. His career highlights include an Emmy nomination for his music supervision of the PBS Special “American Roots Music”, serving as Executive Producer of the PBS Special, “Jubilee: Mary Chapin Carpenter Live at Wolf Trap” and managing artists who have won 6 Grammys and sold over 10 Million CD’s. Simson is a Trustee of the Recording Academy, a Board member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Consort, and lectures frequently on the music industry. Simson received the 10th Anniversary Outstanding Volunteer Attorney Award from Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts in 1993.

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