

## **KATHLEEN A. BURSLEY**

Kathleen Bursley has been involved with copyright since joining the legal department of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich in 1981 as a staff attorney. During her more than twenty-year career with Harcourt, she advised all segments of the company on a wide range of issues, with particular emphasis on copyright, trademark, contract, libel and regulatory matters. Prior to becoming General Counsel of Harcourt in 1992, she acted as counsel for the Harcourt and Holt Rinehart & Winston School Divisions, The Psychological Corporation, the Trade Division, Sea World of Texas, W.B. Saunders and Academic Press, as well as the International Division. She also centralized and standardized the copyrights and permissions functions and became responsible for all libel readings.

As General Counsel, she hired, trained and supervised a highly skilled legal staff, and together they expanded their legal expertise to provide advice to the numerous operating units acquired in the 1990s, including NETg, a technology training company, and Steck-Vaughn, a supplemental educational publisher. She helped build an effective government relations program, directed both at business issues and at assisting industry groups with respect to copyright and other issues. She has been a member of the AAP Copyright Committee since 1992 and was Chair of the Copyright Committee of the International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers from 1996 to 2001.

Following the acquisition of Harcourt by Reed-Elsevier, she served as Transition General Counsel until 2002. Since then, she has been an independent publishing consultant, advising on a range of issues, with particular emphasis on intellectual property and publishing matters. In 2006, she participated on behalf of Reed-Elsevier and the publishing industry in a roundtable convened by the Section 108 Study Group to discuss possible changes to Section 108 of the Copyright Act. She has also provided advice with respect to various proposed bills in the California and US legislatures.

Kathleen received her B.A. in Political Science from Pomona College in Claremont, California and her J.D. from Cornell Law School. She now resides in Long Beach, California.