

## **MARYBETH PETERS, REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Marybeth Peters became the United States Register of Copyrights, that is director of the U.S. Copyright Office, and Associate Librarian of Congress, on August 7, 1994. From 1983-1994 she held the position of Policy Planning Adviser to the Register. She has also served as Acting General Counsel of the Copyright Office and as chief of both the Examining and Information and Reference divisions. Ms. Peters is a frequent speaker on copyright issues; she is the author of *The General Guide to the Copyright Act of 1976*. She is the recipient of numerous awards, most recently the Los Angeles Copyright Society's Lifetime Achievement Award, the New Jersey Intellectual Property Association's Jefferson Medal and the American Intellectual Property Association's Excellence Award..

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