

## **Michael J. Huppe Bio**

Michael J. Huppe is Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs and Deputy General Counsel with the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) where he is involved in protecting the rights of the RIAA's member recording labels and their artists, in both digital and physical media. He has participated in various copyright litigations undertaken by the RIAA, including everything from large suits involving cases of first impression to smaller “demands” made against more traditional pirate targets. Currently he has primary responsibility for industry licensing issues, including assessment of new digital products and services, and oversight of various rate negotiations for webcasting and satellite radio. He has assisted with legislative and international issues facing the recording industry, thereby helping to develop RIAA’s legal response to an ever-changing technological landscape.

Mr. Huppe graduated from Harvard Law School in 1995, and clerked for The Hon. Leonie M. Brinkema in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria Division). While there, he was involved in numerous intellectual property cases, including a watershed case relating to copyrights on the Internet (*Religious Technology Center v. Lerma*). Prior to joining the RIAA, he was a litigation attorney at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. in Washington, D.C.

He is admitted to the bars of the Virginia and the District of Columbia, and is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Copyright Society, and the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference.

He has guest lectured on a variety of issues at Georgetown Law School, George Washington School of Law, and George Mason Law School. He is a certified instructor with the IACP teaching a course on Intellectual Property Crimes.