



# THE COPYRIGHT SOCIETY OF THE U.S.A.

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## Upcoming National Events

February 7-9: Mid-Winter Meeting

June 8-10: Annual Meeting

## Letter from the President

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! Another wonderful year ahead with the mid-winter meeting around the corner. This year we are doing a joint meeting with the LA Copyright Society and have we got a cutting-edge program ready to go. Thanks to our excellent programming co-chairs: Judith Finell, Laurie Rhoades (of CSUSA) and Michael Perlstein (of the LACS), we are expecting some top-notch speakers on extremely relevant topics. The meeting is being held in Dana Point, California, just a few miles south of Laguna. A whale-watching afternoon is planned and there are some incredibly good restaurants on the coast.

We have many interesting chapter meetings being held throughout the spring and our Annual meeting will be coming soon in a new venue, Newport, Rhode Island. Please check our CSUSA.ORG website for information on the various meetings.

Our Brace Lecture was videotaped for the first time and many of you were able to see Richard Dannay's lecture despite your inability to get to New York for the live presentation. We are hoping to do more with putting various programming onto the website, but would like to hear from those of you interested in such programming.

I look forward to another terrific season of Copyright Society meetings. Several chapters have been selling out their meetings - NY and DC for instance - and we want to hear from all of you that your local meetings are a success.

See you in California in February!

With all good wishes,

Helene Blue

# Committee Reports

## The Mid-Winter Meeting, February 7-9, 2008, Dana Point, CA

Co-sponsored with the Los Angeles Copyright Society

**\*\*\*Hotel Registration Deadline is *January 11, 2008*\*\*\***

Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa (www.lagunacliffs.com - use reservation code CSUCSUA)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **Thursday, February 7**

6:00pm - 7:00pm Registration  
6:30pm - 8:00pm Welcome Reception

#### **Friday, February 8**

8:00am - 9:00am Continental Breakfast  
9:00am - 9:10am Welcoming Remarks  
9:10am - 10:30am *The Criminalization of Piracy: Taking Action Against Motion Picture Piracy*  
Moderator:  
W. Drew Kastner, Moses & Singer LLP  
Panelists:  
David Rabinowitz, Moses & Singer LLP  
Michael Robinson, Motion Picture Association of America  
Vicki Solmon, Sony Pictures Entertainment  
10:45am - 12:00pm *"Sahara" - The CASE!*  
Speaker:  
Marvin Putnam, O'Melveny & Myers LLP  
12:30pm - 3:00pm *Luncheon with Keynote Speaker: Culturing Google to Copy Right*  
David Nimmer, UCLA Law School, Irell & Manella LLP  
4:00pm - 6:00pm Whale Watching Tour (Optional)  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Reception

#### **Saturday, February 9**

8:00am - 9:00am Continental Breakfast  
8:00am - 9:00am CSUSA Chapters Committee Meeting  
9:00am - 10:30am *International Roundup: New International Developments in Copyright*  
Moderator:  
David O. Carson, U.S. Copyright Office  
Panelists:  
Robert A. Finkelstein, Law Office of Robert A. Finkelstein  
Paul Mitchell, British Copyright Council  
John L. Simson, SoundExchange, Inc.  
11:00am - 1:00pm *The Future of Copyright*  
Moderator:  
The Honorable Marybeth Peters, U.S. Copyright Office  
Panelists:  
Paul N. Courant, University of Michigan  
Neil W. Netanel, UCLA Law School  
Eric J. Schwartz, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP  
Fred Von Lohmann, Electronic Frontier Foundation

## The Brace Lecture, November 14, 2007, New York, NY

This year's Brace Lecturer was Richard Dannay, a lawyer with Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman P.C. and a past President of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. The title of his lecture was *Copyright Injunctions and Fair Use: Enter eBay--Four-Factor Fatigue or Four-Factor Freedom?*

This year marks the first that the Brace Lecture was offered to the CSUSA membership through the csusa.org website. The charge for viewing the Lecture is \$15 for CSUSA members and \$20 for non-members.

# Regional Chapter Events

## Midwest Chapter

### Recent Events:

**November 6, 2007**

*"Whose Copyright Law Is It Anyway? A Call to Arms Against Our Current Insanity"*

Speaker: William Patry, Google Inc.

**October 26, 2007**

*"Copyright at the World Intellectual Property Organization: an Update"*

## New England Chapter

### Upcoming Events:

**January 24, 2008**

*"Recent Developments at the Copyright Clearance Center"*

*Further details TBA*

**February 27, 2008**

*"Second Life and Virtual Copyright: The New Frontier"*

Co-sponsored with the New York Chapter.  
See New York Chapter section for full details.

**Spring 2008** (date TBA)

*"The Copyright Office Speaks: Q&A About the Copyright Office"*

Speaker: Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights

### Recent Event:

**November 7, 2007**

*"Exclusive Right of Authors Reborn"*

Speaker: Ralph Oman, Dechert LLP

## New York Chapter

### Upcoming Events:

*\*All events to be held at the Princeton Club*

**January 24, 2008** (Lunch)

*"Re-thinking Copyright: Should it be a Monopoly or a Property Right, and What About Fair Use?"*

### Speakers:

Professor F. Scott Kieff, Washington University  
Law School

Professor Glynn Lunney, Tulane University  
School of Law

**February 27, 2008** (Lunch)

*"Second Life and Virtual Copyright: The New Frontier"*

### Panelists:

Professor James Grimmelmann, New York Law  
School

Stevan Lieberman, Greenberg & Lieberman  
Francis X. Taney, Jr., Buchanan Ingersoll &  
Rooney P.C.

### Moderator:

Mark Fischer, Fish & Richardson P.C.

**March 26, 2008** (Lunch)

*"10th Anniversary of the DMCA, Part I: Do We Digg DRM?"*

*Further details TBA*

**April 16, 2008** (Lunch)

*"10th Anniversary of the DMCA, Part II: Viacom v. YouTube & Section 512 Safe Harbor Issues"*

*Further details TBA*

**May 6, 2008** (Lunch)

*"Hey, I Wrote That! Revisiting Joint Authorship"*

*Further details TBA*

**Recent Events:**

**December 6, 2007**

*“Keeping Up With the Music Ringtones, On Demand Streams and Other Thorny Publishing Issues”*

Panelists:

Ann Sweeney, Warner/Chappell  
Cindy Charles, MediaNet  
Jacqueline C. Charlesworth, National Music Publishers' Association  
Joe DiMona, BMI  
Fernando Laguarda, Mintz, Levin, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo LLP

Moderator:

Jeff Liebenson, Herrick, Feinstein LLP

**October 11, 2007**

*“Secondary Liability in a Perfect 10 World”*

Panelists:

Andrew Bridges, Winston & Strawn LLP  
Nancy E. Wolff, Cowan DeBaets Abrahams and Sheppard LLP

Moderator:

Eric Schwartz, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP

***\*\*Visit [www.csusa.org](http://www.csusa.org) for updated event listings and to register for chapter events\*\****

***Contribute to the Newsletter***

*Please submit your Member News, Events and other Information via email to the Copyright Society office at [amy@csusa.org](mailto:amy@csusa.org), and to the Press and Publicity Chair at [eleanor.lackman@aporter.com](mailto:eleanor.lackman@aporter.com).*

*Deadline for submissions for inclusion in the Spring 2008 Newsletter is **May 1, 2008**. Please note the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. reserves the right to select and edit submissions received.*

# Northern California Chapter

Upcoming Events:

***\*All events to be held at Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin, San Francisco***

**March 13, 2008**

*“Music Licensing on the Internet”*

Speaker: Joseph Salvo, Weil, Gotshal & Manges

*Further details TBA*

**March/April 2008 (date TBA)**

Speaker: Professor Paul Goldstein, Stanford Law School

*Further details TBA*

**Recent Event:**

**November 7, 2007**

*“Copyright Year in Review”*

Speaker: Robert Clarida, Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman, P.C.

# Northwest Chapter

Upcoming Events:

**Winter/Spring 2008 (date TBA)**

*“Resolving the Conflict Between Copyright and Publicity Rights”*

Panelists: TBA

**Winter/Spring 2008 (date TBA)**

*“Copyright Essentials: Copyright in Music”*

Panelists: TBA

## Philadelphia Chapter

### Recent Event:

**November 29, 2007**

*"Copyright and Art"*

Speaker: Ray Dowd, Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller LLP

## Southeast Chapter

### Recent Event:

**October 22, 2007**

*"Music Licensing and the Internet"*

### Speakers:

Joseph Salvo, Weil, Gotshal & Manges  
Jeff Liebenson, Herrick Feinstein

## Washington, D.C. Chapter

### Upcoming Event:

**February 2008** (date TBA)

*"Recording Agreements 101: Negotiation and Drafting"*

### Recent Events:

**December 5, 2007**

*"Secondary Liability in a Perfect 10 World"*

### Panelists:

Andrew Bridges, Winston & Strawn LLP  
Nancy E. Wolff, Cowan DeBaets Abrahams and Sheppard LLP

### Moderator:

Eric Schwartz, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP

**November 14, 2007**

*Eighth Annual Christopher A. Meyer Lecture:  
"Copyright and the Constitution"*

### Speaker:

Paul Bender, Professor of Law & Dean Emeritus,  
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law,

Arizona State University, Of Counsel,  
Meyer, Klipper & Mohr, PLLC, Principal  
Deputy Solicitor General of the United  
States (1993-1997)

**October 23, 2007**

*"Beyond Borders: International Copyright  
Enforcement in the Digital Era"*

### Speakers:

Stanford K. McCoy, Chief Negotiator for  
Intellectual Property Enforcement, Office  
of the U.S. Trade Representative  
Eric J. Schwartz, Partner, Mitchell, Silberberg &  
Knupp LLP

## Member News

On October 3, 2007, **Laurel Philips** gave a successful and well-attended presentation on "Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Age," hosted by the Santa Barbara Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications.

**Peter Herbert** and **Elissa Hecker** have co-edited and co-authored the New York State Bar Association's new definitive guide to understanding entertainment law, entitled *Entertainment Litigation, Know the Issues and Avoid the Courtroom*. Copies of the book are available through the New York State Bar Association ([www.nysba.org/pubs](http://www.nysba.org/pubs)).

## In Memoriam

The Copyright Society notes with sadness the passing of John (Jack) Kernochan. John Kernochan was a leading professor of law and the founder of the Kernochan Center for Law Media and the Arts at Columbia University, and was a long-standing member of the CSUSA.

The Copyright Society also announces with sadness the passing of our *Journal* editor, Joseph J. Beard. A distinguished St. John's University School of Law professor, Joe was an active member of the Society and the Executive Committee and greatly expanded the breadth of the *Journal*.

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The Copyright Society of the U.S.A. is a non-profit organization that was organized in 1953 to foster interest in and advance the study of copyright law and the rights in literature, music, art, the theatre, motion pictures and other forms of intellectual property. Membership supports these goals and has many benefits, including participation in nationwide educational events, meetings, lectures, and educational initiatives, an online newsletter, and a subscription to the prestigious *Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.*, the leading peer-reviewed journal devoted exclusively to copyright law. For further information on membership, including forms, please see our web site: [www.csusa.org](http://www.csusa.org).

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