

U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE LEADERSHIP



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Bhaskaran Balakrishnan is the Director of Technology Strategy for the United States Copyright Office. He was appointed to the position effective January 25, 2026.

In this role, Balakrishnan is responsible for executive oversight of technologies integral to fulfilling the Copyright Office’s mission to promote creativity by administering and sustaining an effective national copyright system.

Balakrishnan had been serving as Chief of Staff since December 2024. He also served as Acting Special Advisor to the Register of Copyrights from June 2024 to November 2024. During that time, he worked on furthering the development of the Enterprise Copyright System (ECS) and launching a new term of the Copyright Public Modernization Committee.

Balakrishnan joined the Library in 2012 and held a variety of leadership and program management roles in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). Most recently, he was the Director, IT Partner Engagement, responsible for supporting service unit-level IT investment planning, IT program/project delivery, and end-user services.

Before joining the Library, Balakrishnan spent twenty years working in software engineering, product management, and academic research, with a focus on large-scale content processing and dissemination.

Balakrishnan holds a master’s degree in economics from the Delhi School of Economics in India and was a Ph.D. candidate at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University.

ABOUT THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

The United States Copyright Office administers the nation’s copyright laws as set forth in the Copyright Act and provides impartial assistance to Congress, the courts, and executive branch agencies on questions of national and international copyright law and policy.