



PERKINS COIE RESPONSE

Technological Upgrades to
Registration and Recordation Functions

Prepared for

United States Copyright Office

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RE: Perkins Coie Response to Technological Upgrades to Registration and Recordation Functions

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to present our feedback on the registration and recordation processes currently in place at the United States Copyright Office.

Outlined below are suggested improvements as aggregated by our trademark and copyright practitioners.

- **A Third Party Draft Copyright Application**

It would be helpful for the Copyright Office to develop a form that can be easily sent to a third party for their review and/or signature. Currently, capturing all details in an electronic Copyright Application form is time consuming and the resulting screenshots are often difficult to read.

- **Certification Page**

The Certification page as it stands now, requires attorneys to insert a client's name. A common work-around is asking the clients to sign the Certification language in the draft copy sent before it is submitted. We suggest allowing clients the ability to electronically sign similar to USPTO Declarations.

- **Chain of Title Update**

Implementing the ability to record an assignment or a chain of title update directly against a specific copyright registration as well as to record in bulk against multiple registrations would help to streamline this process. To further this suggestion, we recommend including a cover sheet similar to the USPTO.

- **Partial Owner Names**

Another suggestion is to add the ability to search partial owner names.

Perkins Coie is over 100 years old, with more than 900 lawyers in 19 offices across the United States and Asia. Our Trademark & Copyright practice group is made up of over 15 practitioners who carefully manage more than 18,000 trademark filings and registrations for more than 700 clients in 150 countries across many industries. In the last two years our group has registered more than 2,200 trademarks. Perkins Coie represents companies across a wide range of industries and stages of growth—from start-ups to FORTUNE 50 corporations.

In closing, we appreciate this opportunity to present our suggestions and look forward to witnessing the changes within the United States Copyright Office.

Best,



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