General Counsel David Carson served as a judge at the BMI/ Cardozo Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Competition at the Cardozo School of Law in New York City on March 23.


Carson met with the Committee on Copyright and Literary Property Law of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on May 28 in New York City.

On April 24–25, Peters attended the Fordham University School of Law Eleventh Annual Conference on International Intellectual Property Law and Policy. She was the luncheon speaker on April 25. Her topic was “Update of Activities in the Copyright Office.”

On April 29–30 in Seoul, Korea, the Register presented two papers at the WIPO Copyright Seminar for the Republic of Korea on Rights and Obligations of End-Users of Copyright and Related Rights in the Digital Environment organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization in cooperation of the Korean Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Her papers were “Fair Use: The Experience of the United States” and “Users’ Rights and Obligations in Licensing Agreements: Express and Implied Conditions.” In addition, the Register participated in the segment on The Three-Step Test (for Exceptions in Copyright Law).

On May 1 in Washington, D.C., the Register attended the World Computer and Internet Law Conference, where there was a special dinner celebration to honor the U.S. Register of Copyrights. Peters received the Past Presidents Memorial Award of the Computer Law Association for her contributions in computer and Internet law. Additionally, she was the dinner speaker and talked about “The DMCA after 5 Years.”

The Register participated as a panelist in a May 5 program on “The Public Domain” given by the Bar Association of the City of New York in New York City. Also in New York, the Register was the keynote speaker at “Information 2003” on May 8. Her topic was “The Digital Agenda.”

Register of Copyrights Marybeth Peters, accompanied by General Counsel David Carson, Principal Legal Advisor Charlotte Douglass, Senior Attorney Rob Kasunic, and Senior Attorney and Policy Planning Advisor Steve Tepp conducted hearings at the University of California at Los Angeles in Los Angeles, Calif., on May 14–15 in connection with the Office’s rulemaking pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §1201 to determine exemptions from the prohibition on circumvention of technological measures that control access to copyrighted works. Also in attendance were Michael Hughes of the Library’s General Counsel’s Office, who was observing the proceedings, and Computer Assistant Denise Prince, who provided support services.

On May 20–22, Peters participated in the Legal and Legislation Committee Meeting of the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers in Iraklio, Crete. She presented a paper on the DMCA.