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Jacqueline C. Charlesworth, General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights, oversees a wide range of legal issues before the U.S. Copyright Office. As General Counsel, she has primary responsibility for the legal interpretation of the Copyright Act and related statutory and regulatory provisions. In addition to overseeing the litigation and regulatory activities of the Office, she advises Congress, the Department of Justice, and other agencies on a wide range of copyright-related law and policy matters.

Jacqueline was appointed General Counsel in July 2103. Previously, she served as Senior Counsel to the Register of Copyrights. She joined the Copyright Office in 2012 from a New York City law firm, where she focused on music and copyright issues. Before entering private practice, she held the position of Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA), representing music publishers and songwriters in litigation, regulatory and other matters. Prior to that, she served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of The Harry Fox Agency, Inc. (HFA), the leading licensing agency for the reproduction and distribution of musical works in the United States.

In addition to precedential copyright cases, Jacqueline has handled significant transactional matters on behalf of music copyright owners. She successfully negotiated a multiparty settlement with record labels and digital media companies to establish the first government rates and terms for the streaming of musical works under the Copyright Act. During her tenure at HFA, she developed innovative licensing programs to facilitate the use of music by online services and ringtone companies.

Jacqueline received her J.D. from Yale Law School and holds a B.A. in American Civilization from Brown University. At law school, she served on the Executive Committee of *The Yale Law Journal*. Following law school, she clerked for Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum of the Southern District of New York and Judge Betty B. Fletcher of the Ninth Circuit.