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Prosecution — Our attorneys have handled a broad range of the copyright registration issues. Our expertise includes the initial analysis of whether a work is likely to be protected under copyright law, framing and filing applications, resolving office inquiries that arise and successfully prosecuting applications through to registration. We have secured copyright registrations on behalf of clients for a wide variety of works, including graphic artwork, manuals, promotional materials and computer programs.

Enforcement — We have successfully enforced copyrights in both the US and in jurisdictions worldwide. We have successfully stopped infringement and misappropriation of copyright-protected content online, both as a stand-alone action and as part of a cohesive strategy to enforce and protect valuable rights stemming from product designs and configurations.

Miscellaneous — IpHorgan has negotiated licenses for the reproduction and use of copyright-protected material. We have also analyzed and advised on complex issues involving the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and have drafted licenses to guard clients' rights in unique copyright-protected works while enabling and facilitating the profitable provision of clients' services.

Our Copyright Team

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Jeannine Rittenhouse concentrates on United States and International Trademark Prosecution, Oppositions and Cancellations, as well as Copyright registration and protection, Trade Identity, Domain Name counseling and management and Unfair Competition matters. She has successfully prosecuted a diverse group of trademark applications from the searching and clearance stage all the way through registration worldwide, and has successfully represented clients in oppositions and cancellations in multiple jurisdictions. She has experience assisting a wide variety of clients that ranges from counseling small businesses and independent artists and authors on the registration and enforcement of their intellectual property rights, to advising large multinational Fortune 500 corporations on the maintenance, prosecution and enforcement of global trademark and domain portfolios, as well as on the searching and clearance of new brands worldwide. Jeannine is admitted to practice in the state of Illinois, has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin, earned her J.D. from DePaul University College of Law and occasionally guest-lectures for the DePaul College of Law Technology/Intellectual Property Legal Clinic.

Carlynn B. Ferguson concentrates on U.S. and International Trademark Prosecution and Enforcement, including Anti-counterfeiting and Domain-Name issues, Copyright Protection & Enforcement and other Internet-related Intellectual Property matters. She has experience assisting clients ranging from start-up companies and artists to corporations with world-wide intellectual property portfolios on a variety of issues including trademark clearance, registration, maintenance and enforcement and copyright licensing and enforcement. She also specializes in enforcing client rights against counterfeiters, managing Criminal anti-counterfeiting actions in China and elsewhere, and against cybersquatters. Carlynn is admitted to the Bar of Illinois. She earned her J.D. and Certificate in Intellectual Property law from DePaul College of Law where she served as Legislative Updates Editor for DePaul's Journal of Art and Entertainment Law. She has a B.S. in Business Marketing (with Honors) from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Dermot Horgan works closely with a number of Global 500 corporations and with some of the largest privately-owned companies in the United States on various trade identity and trade secret issues. He also assists state government and medium-sized businesses. His day-to-day practice includes new-product roll-outs, establishment and acquisition of rights, maintenance, enforcement, trademark extensions and migration, local market considerations and global strategy. Dermot's experience covers a broad range of national and international trade identity, copyright, litigation, anti-counterfeiting and licensing aspects of intellectual property law as well as issues relating to the ownership and protection of confidential data. He has received national recognition for his skills, including being named for his outstanding service in a recent survey of General Counsel at the United States' largest corporations. Dermot earned his J.D. from DePaul College of Law, his Barrister-at-Law Degree from Kings Inns in Dublin and his BCL from University College Cork. He has been admitted to the Bars of Illinois, New York and the Trial Bar in the Republic of Ireland.

Amanda R. Peluse concentrates on U.S. and International Trademark Prosecution and Enforcement, as well as Anti-Counterfeiting, Copyright, and Domain-name matters. She has counseled clients ranging from local not-for-profit organizations to multinational Fortune 500 corporations on a variety of issues including trademark conflict resolution, global counterfeiting, brand selection, copyright enforcement and general intellectual property portfolio management. Amanda has successfully prosecuted a wide variety of trademarks globally, from the clearance phase to registration, and has also represented clients in trademark opposition and cancellation actions in several jurisdictions throughout the world. She counsels trademark clients on anti-counterfeiting and domain misuse matters, having successfully enforced client rights against counterfeiters and cybersquatters alike. Amanda has been admitted to the Bar in the State of Illinois, and is a member of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago's Trademarks Committee. She earned her B.A. from Princeton University and her J.D. and Certificate in Intellectual Property, Art and Museum Law from DePaul University College of Law.

Dmitriy O. Makarov handles Anti-counterfeiting, Copyright, Domain-Name, Trademark, Trade Identity and Unfair Competition law matters. Dmitriy has been active in all aspects of international trademark law, from managing customs records, title updates and assignment records, to performing trademark clearance searches, conducting due-diligence portfolio reviews, preparing and prosecuting trademark applications and extensions of international registrations, to locating and investigating misuse, and enforcing clients' intellectual property rights. Dmitriy has successfully negotiated domain name transfers, investigated malicious e-mails with return address forged to identify a client, counseled clients on the technical aspects of the proposed new gTLD application process, and helped secure usernames for brands on social media sites. He is fluent in Russian and has an extensive background in business and computer technology. Dmitriy has a B.S. in International Business from North Central College and earned his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.