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Howard P. Knopf, B.A., M.A., LL.M, is Counsel with Macera & Jarzyna, LLP in Ottawa, Canada. He has worked in government and the private sector mainly in the areas of copyright, trademarks, cyberlaw, competition and related issues. He has been the Chairman of the Copyright Policy Committee of the Canadian Bar Association and was advisor to the Law Commission of Canada on security interests in intellectual property. He edited the resulting book entitled Security Interests in Intellectual Property. He spent over a decade in the Canadian federal government, with senior responsibility for:

- major copyright revision
- serving as Head of Delegation to several WIPO meetings
- launching Canada's first and most important abuse of dominance case involving intellectual property law.

He has frequently lectured at the invitation of the judiciary, government, law schools, continuing legal education fora, the Law Society of Upper Canada, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and various NGO's including the Couchiching Institute on Public Affairs. He has published extensively, both as author and editor. Since 2000, he has been a member of the faculty of the annual Fordham International Intellectual Property Law and Policy Conference in New York. He has been an adjunct law lecturer at Queen's University and was cited by Canadian Lawyer magazine as being one of Queen's law faculty's "best and brightest."

He has appeared as counsel before the Copyright Board, the Canadian Artists and Producers Professional Relations Tribunal, the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. He has served as a panelist in cases involving the WIPO Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP). He has been an advisor on policy issues to the Government of Canada and the World Intellectual Property Organization. Prior to his legal career, he was a professional clarinetist performing in Canada, the USA and Europe and frequently for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

His litigation successes include important decisions in the Federal Court, the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada on issues involving file sharing, privacy, private copying levies, parallel importation, fair dealing and whether Copyright Board tariffs are mandatory. He was co-author of an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court in the Grokster case. He has appeared several times on various issues before Parliamentary and Senate committees in Canada.

He has been a board member of several arts institutions and a Director of the Couchiching Institute on Public Affairs, Canada's oldest organization devoted to public policy, which has recently celebrated its 80th annual summer conference and anniversary. He has organized and chaired the Ottawa Couchiching informal roundtables, which have featured current and retired senior members of the public service, academia, the judiciary, non-governmental organizations, the Senate, and the CBC.

He maintains a widely read blog on copyright law at www.excesscopyright.blogspot.com and is often quoted in Canadian and foreign media.

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