



American Intellectual Property Law Association

September 14, 2023

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

The American Intellectual Property Law Association (“AIPLA”) is pleased to submit this letter regarding Deborah Robinson’s nomination to be the United States Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. In view of her impressive background, AIPLA believes Ms. Robinson will be highly successful in this role and appreciates the Judiciary Committee giving this nomination prompt consideration.

AIPLA is a national bar association of approximately 7,000 members including professionals engaged in private or corporate practice, in government service, and in the academic community. AIPLA members represent a wide and diverse spectrum of individuals, companies, and institutions involved directly or indirectly in the practice of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition law, as well as other fields of law affecting intellectual property. Our members represent both owners and users of intellectual property. Our mission includes helping establish and maintain fair and effective laws and policies that stimulate and reward invention while balancing the public’s interest in healthy competition, reasonable costs, and basic fairness.

Deborah Robinson has an impressive and substantive background in the area of intellectual property prosecution, working in both the public and private sectors, which will serve her well in this position. She was Vice President of Anti-Piracy in the Business and Legal Affairs Department at Viacom, where she was responsible for the development and implementation of anti-piracy protocols, creation of enforcement strategies, and oversight of content protection operational workflows. Ms. Robinson was also Regional Counsel in the Anti-Piracy Legal Affairs Department for the northeast, central, and southern regions of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). Prior to working with the RIAA, Ms. Robinson was assistant chief of the Municipal Court Unit in the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office where she was responsible for supervising 35 attorneys and the litigation of 65,000 cases each year.

Throughout her career, Ms. Robinson has demonstrated an appreciation for the importance of intellectual property and has shown a commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the American people.

She appears to have the required skill set that should serve her well in satisfying the demanding requirements of this position, and we look forward to working with her following confirmation. This important position has been vacant for a significant period of time, and AIPLA urges the Committee to move forward with the confirmation process. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Batzli".

Brian H. Batzli
President
American Intellectual Property Law Association

Cc: Sen. Chris Coons
Sen. Thom Tillis