January 13, 2015

REQUEST FOR BLANKET AUTHORITY

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SUBJECT: Request for Blanket Authority

OBSERVATION DEADLINE: January 28, 2015

PROPOSED SUBMISSION DATE: January 29, 2015

The Section of Intellectual Property Law requests blanket authority to submit the attached comments to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees. The comments recommend amendment of U.S. copyright law to resolve a conflict between two important provisions of U.S. copyright law following the 2013 decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley.

The subject matter is within the primary jurisdiction and expertise of the Section of Intellectual Property Law and is not in conflict with current Association policy or existing blanket authority statement. The Section Council approved the comments on April 1, 2014.

There is no material interest in the subject matter of this request for blanket authority on the part of any member of either Section by reason of specific employment or representation of clients.

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