January 10, 2018

REQUEST FOR BLANKET AUTHORITY

FROM: Scott F. Partridge, Chair, Section of Intellectual Property Law

SUBJECT: Comments to the U.S. House and Senate Judiciary Committees on Section 108 copyright updates

OBJECTION DEADLINE: Thursday, January 25, 2018 1:00 pm ET

PROPOSED SUBMISSION DATE: Thursday, January 25 3:00 pm ET

The Section of Intellectual Property Law requests blanket authority to submit the attached comments to the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House Judiciary Committees on revising 17 U.S.C. § 108, which provides certain limited exceptions to copyright liability for libraries and archives.

Please note that these views are being presented only on behalf of the Section of Intellectual Property Law. They have not been approved by the House of Delegates or the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and should not be construed as representing the policy of the American Bar Association.

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 these comments on January 9, 2018.

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.

cc: Deborah Enix-Ross, Chair, ABA House of Delegates
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