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## Copyright Alliance Issues Statement on SCOTUS Ruling re: *Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons*

**Washington DC** — Following the Supreme Court's decision in *Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons*, Copyright Alliance CEO Keith Kupferschmid issued the following statement today:

"The Copyright Alliance welcomes the Supreme Court's decision in *Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons*. The Court's unanimous opinion recognizes, as we argued in our amicus brief, that the objective reasonableness of a claim or defense should be an important, but not controlling, factor for a court to consider when determining whether to award attorneys fees and that courts should also be free to consider other relevant factors in a given case. Our members are particularly focused on ensuring that those who bring objectively reasonable claims are not penalized if they do not prevail. We think the Supreme Court's opinion is consistent with that concern and will provide greater guidance to courts considering attorney fee awards in the future."

The Copyright Alliance Amicus brief can be found [here](#).

The SCOTUS opinion can be found [here](#).

### **About the Copyright Alliance**

The Copyright Alliance is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest and educational organization representing artists and creators across the spectrum of copyright disciplines, including more than 40 trade association, companies and guilds, and 8,000 individual artists and creators. For more information, please visit [www.copyrightalliance.org](http://www.copyrightalliance.org).

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