



POSITION PAPER

U.S. Copyright Office Modernization: Office Structure and Operations

Within the copyright ecosystem, the U.S. Copyright Office plays a pivotal role in the registration of creators' works and the recordation of documents pertaining to those works. The ability of our Nation's independent creators and the businesses that support their work to promptly register and record copyright interests with the Office, and of the public to obtain copyright information that enables them to license copyrighted works, creates new industries and spurs the economy, which, in turn, advances our global competitiveness and technological leadership.

In view of the ongoing and rapid changes in the information, entertainment, and technology sectors, the US Copyright Office has never been more important than it is today in ensuring that copyright owners have access to critical services that support their endeavors, including the creation and dissemination of works to the public, and the development of innovative new business models by which to distribute such works. Furthermore, given the global and dynamic characteristics of the copyright ecosystem, the Copyright Office must be able to rapidly adapt to ensure it is able to offer the tools and resources that all users of the Office's service demand. It is therefore imperative that the Copyright Office have the resources and funds necessary to provide these important services and to continue its modernization efforts.