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**Subject: Resignation of the American Bar Association Section of
Intellectual Property Law from the ALI Copyright Restatement Project**

Dear Director Wood and members of the ALI Council:

The ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law (“ABA-IPL”) was one of several liaisons that participated in ALI Copyright Restatement project (“Restatement”) as part of the Members Consultant Group. Our designated liaisons Professor June Besek and Nancy Wolff attempted to contribute to the project in that capacity. With this letter, we respectfully request that the names of our liaisons, as well as the name of the ABA-IPL Section, be removed from any current or future publication of the Restatement or any portion thereof.

This decision to resign reflects our concerns regarding the direction and methodology of the Restatement project. We believe the final Restatement does not present a balanced representation of copyright law and is not aligned with the policies and principles of the ABA-IPL Section.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have participated in this project and respectfully urge the concerns addressed be taken seriously in the continued development of the Restatement.

Sincerely,

Susan E. McGahan, Chair
ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law

Cc: Nancy Wolff
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