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Re: Request for Comments Regarding the Agency’s Information Collection Activities: Regulations Relating to Recordation and Enforcement of Trademarks and Copyrights

Dear Ms. Denning:

I write on behalf of the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law (“ABA-IPL Section”) in response to the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency’s request for comments concerning the extension of an existing collection of information relating to the recordation and enforcement of trademarks and copyrights. The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional association in the world, and its IPL Section is the largest intellectual property association with approximately 20,000 members. The views expressed in this letter are presented on behalf of the ABA-IPL Section. These comments have not been approved by the House of Delegates or Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and, accordingly, should not be construed as representing the views of the Association.

The ABA-IPL Section appreciates the CBP’s invitation for constructive input on the extension of its existing collection of information relating to the recordation and enforcement of trademarks and copyrights before it formally submits its request to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for review and approval. The ABA-IPL Section has reviewed this request for comment and surveyed its relevant committees concerning any input members may have to contribute on this issue.
As a result, the ABA-IPL Section supports the CBP’s current efforts to collect and record information relating to the very important mission of protecting intellectual property rights through diligent enforcement of trademarks and copyright protection.

The ABA-IPL Section therefore supports the renewal of the extension on this existing collection of information and also urges the Office of Management and Budget to give its approval following review. If you have any questions about our comments or wish for us to further explain our input, either I or another member of the leadership of the ABA-IPL Section will gladly respond.

Very truly yours,

Theodore H. Davis, Jr.
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