

# Legislative/Governmental Affairs update

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Trademark Public Advisory Committee quarterly meeting

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# Legislative Activity - Recap

## 116th Congress

- Patents for Humanity (P.L. 116-316)
- Permanent authorization for TEAPP in the FY21 NDAA (P.L. 116-283)
- FY21 Omnibus Bill (P.L. 116-260)
  - Trademark Modernization Act
  - CASE Act
  - Illicit digital streaming
- IP attaché rank elevation

# Congressional Activity – 117th Congress



- **Judiciary Committee Retirements and Changes**
- **Senate Judiciary Committee**
  - Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) is the Chairman of the full committee and Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-IA) is the Ranking Member
  - Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT) is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property and Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) is the Ranking Member
- **House Judiciary Committee**
  - Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) remains Chairman of the Full Committee and Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) remains the Ranking Member
  - Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA), remains the Chairman in the Subcommittee on the Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet and Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) will become the Ranking Member
  - Rep. Martha Roby (R-AL) retired at the end of the last Congress

# Congressional Activity

## 117th Congress

- Nomination hearing for the Honorable Gina Raimondo to be Secretary of Commerce
  - Hearing before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held on January 26, 2021
  - Reported favorably out of committee on February 3, 2021 (21-3)
  - Confirmed on March 2, 2021 (84-15)



# Thank you!

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