



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MULTISTAKEHOLDER FORUM ON
IMPROVING THE OPERATION OF THE DMCA NOTICE AND TAKEDOWN SYSTEM**

FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

March 20, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

United States Patent and Trademark Office – Madison Auditorium

Live webcast available at: <http://new.livestream.com/uspto/CopyrightMarch2014>

AGENDA AS OF MARCH 13, 2014

In accordance with the Internet Policy Task Force’s previous recommendations and announcements, this first public meeting will focus on identifying concrete topics about which the multistakeholder forum participants will work to identify voluntary, consensus-based outcomes that can be developed to improve the operation of the current notice and takedown system. The initial meeting will also provide participants with an opportunity to determine the structure and process for the forum going forward. The forum will be driven by the stakeholders, with the goal of developing meaningful voluntary agreements that will improve the operation of the current system for all involved. Proposals for legislative change will not be discussed.

Please note that time has not been set aside for opening statements or delivery of prepared remarks by attendees.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Check-in

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. ***Opening Remarks***
John Morris, Associate Administrator and Director of Internet Policy, NTIA
Shira Perlmutter, Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs,
USPTO

9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ***Welcome from NTIA***
Angela Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, NTIA

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(Incl. 15 minute break) ***Morning Session - Topics***
Identification of topics to be addressed by the multistakeholder forum, which may include the following topics and others raised in public comments:

- volume of takedown notices sent to service providers;
- reappearance of taken-down materials;
- inaccurate takedown notices;
- misuse of takedown notices;
- difficulties in using the system for individuals or small and medium-size enterprises (“SMEs”).

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch Break** (food not provided)
- 1:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Welcome from USPTO**
Michelle Lee, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Deputy Director, USPTO
- 1:15 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.
(Incl. 15 minute break) **Afternoon Session – Process**
Determine the process for future meetings of the multistakeholder forum, which
may include:
- frequency of public meetings of the whole;
 - possible break-out sessions and/or working groups;
 - representation for such groups;
 - structure of future meetings.
- 3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Shira Perlmutter, Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs,
USPTO