

Announcement

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BARBARA A. RINGER APPOINTED REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS

L. Quincy Mumford, the Librarian of Congress, announced on September 7, 1973, the appointment of Barbara A. Ringer as Register of Copyrights.

She succeeds George D. Cary, who retired in March of this year after 35 years of Government service, 26 of them in the Copyright Office. Miss Ringer, who has been serving as Director of the Copyright Division of Unesco in Paris since May 1972, will assume her new position as early in the fall as her duties at Unesco will permit.

Abe A. Goldman, General Counsel of the Copyright Office, has been Acting Register since Mr. Cary's retirement and will continue to serve in that post until Miss Ringer takes up her new duties.

Until her Unesco appointment, Miss Ringer had spent all her professional career in the Copyright Office. Joining the staff in 1949 as an Examiner in the Examining Division, she advanced to the position of Chief of that Division. She was Assistant Register for Examining from 1963 to 1966, when she became Assistant Register of Copyrights. In these positions and in her present post she has become a recognized authority in both national and international copyright law, drafting studies on the revision of the U. S. law and treaties and other international agreements for consideration at international conferences, where she has often been a speaker.

In addition to administering Unesco's Division of Copyrights, she has provided the secretariat for the Universal Copyright Convention as well as the secretariat and most of the documentation for recent international conferences, such as those on the protection of satellite signals, the photocopying of copyrighted materials, and a model copyright law for African countries. Miss Ringer has also been the second-ranking officer in Unesco's Office of Legal Affairs, acting as the principal legal officer of that international agency in the absence of the Director of the Office.

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A native of Lafayette, Indiana, Miss Ringer received her A.B. (1945) and M.A. (1947) degrees from George Washington University. In 1949 she obtained a J.D. degree from Columbia University. She has also, as Adjunct Professor of Law, taught copyright law at Georgetown University and has often lectured on the subject at copyright seminars and legal conferences. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the D. C. Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association; and she has been admitted to practice before the District of Columbia bar, the U. S. Court of Appeals, and the U. S. Supreme Court. She is the author of many studies, published monographs and bibliographies, and numerous articles.