The new Copyright Office General Counsel, effective July 16, is Dorothy Schrader, who served as General Counsel from 1974 to 1976.

Recognized throughout the world as a leading expert in United States and international copyright law, Ms. Schrader has 14 years of varied legal and administrative experience in the Copyright Office. In 1963 she joined the Office in the Examining Division as an Examiner of book and music copyright claims. She became a Senior Examiner in the Book Section, then Assistant Head of the Miscellaneous (now Visual Arts) Section, and later Head of the Miscellaneous Section. She served as Senior Attorney-Adviser on the legal staff before her appointment to the position of Assistant Chief of the Examining Division in 1972. After two years in that post, she was appointed General Counsel.

A native of Pennsylvania, Ms. Schrader graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles in 1960 and received her J.D. in 1963 from Harvard Law School. She is a member of the Bars of the District of Columbia, the U.S. Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. From 1973 to 1975 she served as Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center.

Ms. Schrader is the author of several scholarly articles on U.S. copyright law and international copyright. She has represented the U.S. at a number of international copyright conferences, including sessions of the International Conference of States to revise the Universal Copyright Convention (UCC); an International Conference of States for preparation of the 1974 Brussels Communications Satellite Convention; sessions of the Intergovernmental Copyright Committee of the UCC; meetings of the Committee of Experts on Reprographic Reproduction; the Seminar on Neighboring Rights in Latin America; the 1975 conference of the U.S. Working Party on Intellectual Property, Scientific and Trade Agreements between the U.S. and U.S.S.R.; and a meeting with VAAP, the copyright licensing agency of the U.S.S.R., in Moscow in 1974.

The Copyright Office welcomes the return of Ms. Schrader to her former post as General Counsel.