NOTICE OF POLICY DECISION

POLICY DECISION: ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICIES

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

Policy Decision: Enforcement of Conflicts of Interest Policies

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice of policy decision.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office has recently issued an internal policy statement to the Staff reaffirming the application of Library of Congress regulations that prohibit staff from engaging in certain kinds of outside employment. The general purpose of the Library of Congress regulations is to avoid conflicts of interest, both apparent and real, between an employee's duty to his or her government employer and the duty to an outside client or principal. The rules also prevent corruption and abuses of inside information.

Although the policy statement is an internal, personnel document not required to be made available to the public, the Copyright Office hereby notifies the public of one way in which the internal policy will be enforced. The Office will refuse to process any application, document, letter, or other request if either (1) it is signed by an employee of the Office as paid agent for another person, or (2) the Office has reason to believe that a Copyright Office employee has participated in providing a copyright-related service for monetary value. In such cases, the application, document, letter, or other request will be returned to the copyright claimant with an explanation of the Office's conflicts of interest policy. The claimant will be asked to resubmit the item without any paid or remunerated assistance from a Copyright Office employee as agent.


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