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While at the Copyright Office he prepared a major review of the Office's registration and recordation system (1992) and co-authored several important reports to Congress including a study on moral rights in the motion picture industry (1989). Mr. Schwartz is the Founding Director and a Board member of the National Film Preservation Foundation and, since 1988, has served as pro bono Counsel to the Library of Congress' National Film Preservation Board. Mr. Schwartz was a staff member and later Assistant Counsel to the Committee on Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 1988 for Hon. Joe Moakley, and served in the Office of Chief Deputy Whip of the House of Representatives for Hon. Dan Rostenkowski (1979).

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