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MICHAEL SCHLESINGER is Vice President and Associate General Counsel to the International Intellectual Property Alliance® (IIPA®), a private sector coalition of seven U.S. trade associations which represent over 1,900 companies producing and distributing materials protected by copyright laws throughout the world, including: business applications software; entertainment software on all platforms; theatrical films, television programs, home videos, and digital representations of audiovisual works; music, records, CDs, and audiocassettes; and textbooks, tradebooks, reference and professional publications and journals (in both electronic and print media). Michael monitors copyright law and enforcement developments worldwide, focusing on activities and issues in Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

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Before representing the IIPA, Michael studied copyright law with Professor Jane Ginsburg at Columbia University, where he earned his J.D. in 1996. Before that, he lived and worked as a Shansi Association Fellow in Japan; he speaks Japanese and is conversational in Chinese. Michael received his A.B. with a double major in History and Music from Oberlin College (1989). He is a member of the Virginia State and District of Columbia bars. Michael has been admitted to the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Michael composes music in his spare time (his soundtrack recently appeared on a DVD entitled "Discovery" by Blueberry Shoes Productions) and has performed regularly in community shows.

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