

## Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman Alumna Shira Perlmutter Appointed Register of Copyrights

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Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman is delighted to inform you that our former associate Shira Perlmutter has been appointed as Register of Copyrights, the head of the U.S. Copyright Office. Shira will begin her new position in late October 2020.

Shira was a copyright and trademark associate with our firm. She was an important member of our intellectual property group, who ably assisted David Goldberg, Arthur Greenbaum, [William M. Borchard](#) and others in advising a broad range of clients on new copyright issues under the Copyright Act of 1976.

In the challenging and interesting positions Shira has held since she left our firm, she has continued to demonstrate her depth of copyright knowledge and her strong intellectual ability. She joined the faculty of The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law. She went on to serve as the Associate Register for Policy and International Affairs at the U.S. Copyright Office. She then became Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Intellectual Property Policy, for Time Warner Inc. Following those diverse experiences, she moved to London where she served as the Executive Vice President for Global Legal Policy at the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI). For the past eight years, she has served as the first Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), working in all areas of intellectual property.

Shira has a B.A. from Harvard University and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, she is a co-author of a leading casebook on International Intellectual Property Law and Policy, and she has published numerous articles on copyright issues.

You can find more information about Shira in the [Copyright Office's official press release](#) and the [USPTO's official press release](#).

We congratulate Shira on this well-deserved appointment, and we are confident she will continue to contribute to the development of copyright law and policy in the years ahead.