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Re: Trademark Office Advisory Group

Dear Assistant Commissioner Hampton:

We write on behalf of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the D.C. Bar. The Intellectual Property Law Section includes more than 1,500 members who practice in the patent, trademark and copyright fields.

We understand that a public/private advisory group is being formed to assist in improving Trademark Office operations. Because the Intellectual Property Law Section represents a significant segment of the trademark bar in the Washington, D.C. area, we believe our Section can offer both substantive expertise and knowledge of Trademark Office operations which will make a positive contribution to the public/private advisory group. Our Section would therefore be pleased to appoint one or more of its leading members to serve on the advisory group you are forming.

Members of our Steering Committee would be pleased to discuss this matter with you at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

William F. Herbert

Gary Krugman

cc: Honorable Bruce A. Lehman

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

The views expressed herein represent only those of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the District of Columbia Bar and not those of the D.C. Bar or of its Board of Governors.

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