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United States Intellectual Property Attaché to the European Union

Susan Wilson currently serves as the first U.S. Intellectual Property Attaché to the EU. In that capacity, she interfaces with the European Union institutions, Member State governments, and stakeholders on a broad range of intellectual property (IP) policy, enforcement, and market access issues. She also contributes to U.S. bilateral IP-related efforts with Switzerland and Turkey, works to advance U.S. policy objectives at the OECD, and supports fellow Geneva-based U.S. IP Attaches in their work with the WTO and various UN institutions.

Prior to being sworn in as Attaché, Ms. Wilson was a Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation at the Office of the United States Trade Representative, where she coordinated the annual Special 301 Review of trading partners' IPR policies and practices and the development of the annual Notorious Markets List of physical and online marketplaces that facilitate trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy worldwide. She also represented U.S. IPR interests in various OECD work streams and served as member of the U.S. delegation in UN negotiations on climate change, science and technology, health, and development. Ms. Wilson also contributed to our bilateral IPR dialogue with trading partners in South America and the Caribbean region, recently completing renegotiation of the U.S.-Paraguay IPR Memorandum of Understanding.

Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Wilson served Director of the Office of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. As Director, she helped develop and manage Commerce's effort to protect U.S. intellectual property at home and abroad and to resolve intellectual property-related market access and trade agreement compliance issues worldwide. While at Commerce, Ms. Wilson was one of the Department's inaugural detailees to the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center.

Ms. Wilson has also served in several other Federal agencies, including as: the Deputy Director of the Office of International Intellectual Property Enforcement at the U.S. Department of State; an attorney specializing in domestic and international intellectual property enforcement issues in the Office of Legislative and International Affairs at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; a Trial Attorney in the Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section, Criminal Division, at Department of Justice Headquarters in Washington, DC; and an attorney in the Intellectual Property Rights Branch at U.S. Customs Service Headquarters in Washington, DC. At the mid-point of her career, she left government to join the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition (IACC) as Senior Policy Counsel.

Ms. Wilson graduated from the Pennsylvania State University (B.A., International Relations) and from the American University, Washington College of Law (J.D). She is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New York and before the Court of International Trade and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.