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Intellectual Property Task Force Chairman David Israelite Announces Task Force Membership, Creation of Working Groups WASHINGTON, D.C. - David M. Israelite, Chairman of the Justice Department's Intellectual Property Task Force, today announced the names of those who will join him in serving on the task force, which was created by Attorney General John Ashcroft to examine all aspects of how the Department of Justice handles intellectual property issues and to develop recommendations for future efforts.

Together with David Israelite, who serves as Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Attorney General, the task force will include:

Daniel J. Bryant, Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy; Jack Goldsmith, Assistant Attorney General for Legal Counsel; Peter D. Keisler, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division; Christopher Wray, Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division; R. Hewitt Pate, Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division; William Moschella, Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs; Paul Clement, Principal Deputy Solicitor General;

Makan Delrahim, Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division; Valerie Caprioni, General Counsel for the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Debra W. Yang, United States Attorney for the Central District of California; and Kevin V. Ryan, United States Attorney for the Northern District of California.

In addition, the task force will consult with Michael Garcia, the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, on issues relating to U.S. Customs and Border Protection enforcement of intellectual property.

"I am honored that such talented members of the Justice Department have agreed to serve on the task force," said David Israelite, Chairman. "The Attorney General is committed to vigorous enforcement of the law and the protection of intellectual property rights, and those priorities will guide the task force as it seeks to strengthen and improve the Justice Department's efforts in the intellectual property arena." Israelite also announced the creation of the task force's five working groups, which will enable focused exploration and analysis of the following intellectual property issues: Criminal law; Civil law; International treaties and obligations; Legislative and regulatory proposals; and Public awareness.

The task force expects to issue a report to the Attorney General on its findings and recommendations by the end of this year.

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