SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast, North Lobby

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
Welcome and Thanks, Flynn Auditorium
Dean Kevin Stack

9:10 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
Keynote Speaker
Robert Kasunic
United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress

9:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Break

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Panel #1: “US Government as Funder ”
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch, North Lobby

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Break

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Panel #2: “US Government as Creator”

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Panel #3: “US Government as User”

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Reception, North Lobby
Beyond Regulation:

The US Government as Funder, Creator, and User of Intellectual Property

The Symposium will examine the relationship between the US government and intellectual property. Intellectual property is typically focused on an individual’s ownership of rights to creations, often structured as private rights. However, we often neglect to discuss the ways in which the Government acts as a private individual, interacting with, creating, and funding intellectual property. While many are aware of this relationship, the scholarship in this field remains wholly underdeveloped; the predominant focus has been on government as regulator of intellectual property. Our panels will look at the US government as a funder, creator, and user of intellectual property, and will include remarks from leading scholars on current trends as well as the future of government involvement with intellectual property. Our panelists will present their ideas and publish corresponding articles in the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law, Volume 18, Issue 1.
PANELS

“US Government as Funder”

PANELISTS:

Joshua Sarnoff
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DePaul University College of Law

Gregory Mandel
Associate Dean for Research
Peter J. Liacouras Professor of Law
Temple University Beasley School of Law

Aaron Cooper
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MODERATOR:

Sean B. Seymore
Professor of Law; Professor of Chemistry
Vanderbilt University Law School
“US Government as Creator”

PANELISTS:

Ruth Okediji
William L. Prosser Professor of Law
University of Minnesota Law School

David Bloch
Partner
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Peter Jaszi
Professor of Law
American University Washington College of Law

MODERATOR:

Daniel J. Gervais
Professor of Law; Director, Intellectual Property Program
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“US Government as User”

PANELISTS:

Kevin Amer
Counsel for Policy and International Affairs
United States Copyright Office

Alden Abbott
Deputy Director of the Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies
The John, Barbara, and Victoria Rumpel Senior Legal Fellow
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Laura Gasaway
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