

Message from the Register



This Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 reviews the Office's work in the policy and regulatory area, improvements in our public services, and the progress made toward reengineering our business processes and information technology systems.

This year the Office completed the first rulemaking under section 1201 of the Copyright Act relating to the circumvention of technological measures used to protect access to copyrighted works. Under the law, the Office will perform this review every three years. In addition, as required in section 104 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), the Office submitted a report to Congress evaluating the effect of advances in electronic commerce and associated technologies, as well as the amendments made in title 1 of the DMCA, on sections 109 and 117 of the Copyright Act. The Office also continued to work with executive branch agencies on a large number of international copyright matters.

I am pleased that we made significant advances during the year in our work to reengineer the Office's principal business processes and its information technology systems so that we will continue to meet the needs of both owners and users of copyrighted works in the future. We completed an ambitious reengineering agenda this year and are in a position to sustain this momentum in Fiscal Year 2002.

Our reengineering effort this year, like all the Office's accomplishments, is the product of dedicated Copyright Office staff. I thank them for the work and achievement reflected in this report.

The Annual Report for 2001 would not be complete without mention of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001. The Copyright Office remembers those whose lives were lost on that day, offers encouragement to their family and friends, and words of praise to all of the heroes who aided in rescue and recovery.

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