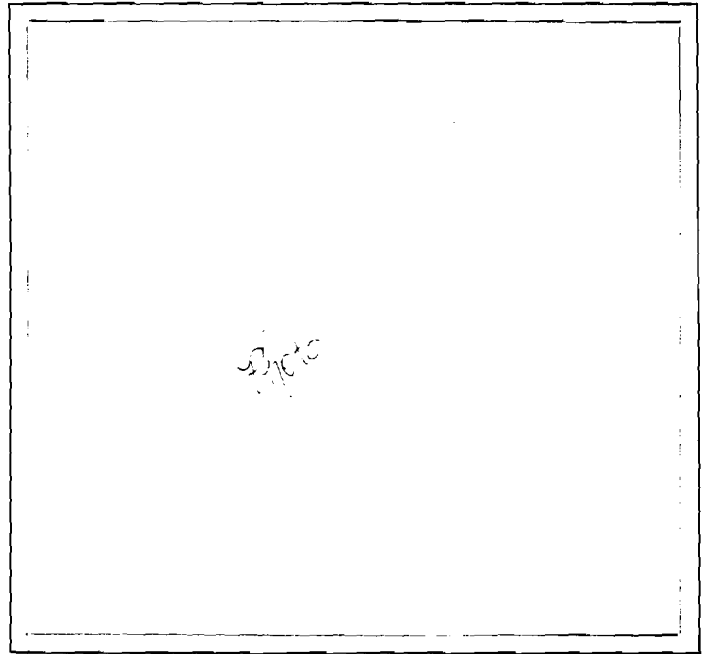




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RALPH OMAN NAMED REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS



Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin announced the appointment of Ralph Oman, chief counsel of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks, as the new Register of Copyrights effective September 23, 1985. Mr. Oman succeeds David L. Ladd, who resigned as Register in January 1985.

Born in Huntington, New York, on July 1, 1940, Mr. Oman received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Hamilton College in 1962 and a doctor of laws degree in corporate and international law from Georgetown University in 1973. He also received a diploma from the Sorbonne in Paris in 1961 and attended Columbia University in 1964. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, the Supreme Court Bar, and the American and District of Columbia Bar Associations.

Mr. Oman has worked since 1975 in all major aspects of copyright law. As chief minority counsel for the Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks, he helped draft the language and negotiate the compromises that resulted in the passage of the landmark Copyright Act of 1976. In his present position, to which he was named in 1977, he supervises the staff of the committee, prepares legal analyses and legislative proposals, speeches, and articles, and keeps track of the legislative calendar and proposed legislation. He participates in the subcommittee's oversight responsibility for the Copyright Office, the Patent and Trademark Office, and the Copyright Royalty Tribunal.

He has addressed numerous legal and scholarly audiences on the subject of copyright and has been a guest lecturer at New York University Law School's Advanced Copyright Seminar. His professional writings include "Copyright Developments in the 98th Congress," published in the January

1985 issue of *The Federal Bar News & Journal*. He served as Executive Editor of *Law and Policy in International Business*.

Other experience includes service as a trial attorney from 1974 to 1975 and again in 1977 with the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, where among other duties, he participated in an investigation of international activities of the major oil companies. He served with the U.S. Department of State as a foreign service officer from 1962 to 1964 and as legislative aide to Senator William Roth in 1972 and press aide to Senator Hugh Scott in 1970. Following law school, Mr. Oman served as law clerk to the Honorable C. Stanley Blair, U.S. District Court, Baltimore, Maryland.

He served with the U.S. Navy as a naval flight officer from 1965 to 1970 and again in the summer of 1971 as a lieutenant commander flying antisubmarine patrols in the North Atlantic and surveillance patrols in the Mediterranean and the Straits of Gibraltar. Decorated several times for his service in Vietnam, he is a captain in the Naval Reserve.

Mr. Oman is married to the former Anne K. Henehan of Cranford, New Jersey. They have three daughters and live in Washington, D.C.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Boorstin acknowledged the assistance of a search committee of outside experts and expressed his appreciation for this public service. The chairman of the search committee was Dan Lacy, special consultant to McGraw-Hill, Inc. The other committee members were Stanley M. Gortikov, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, Inc., and chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Copyright Council, and Robert Wedgeworth, former executive director of the American Library Association.