

## **Marybeth Peters**

Marybeth Peters has served as the United States Register of Copyrights since August 7, 1994. Ms. Peters was raised in East Providence, R.I. She received her undergraduate degree from Rhode Island College and her law degree, with honors, from The George Washington University Law School. She joined the Library of Congress in October 1965 and began her career in the Copyright Office on February 14, 1966, as a music examiner in the Music Section of the Examining Division. Ms. Peters joined the General Counsel's staff as an attorney in December 1975 and developed and implemented staff training on the 1976 Copyright Act. She is the author of *The General Guide to the Copyright Act of 1976*. In December 1977, she was promoted to chief of the Information and Reference Division, where she worked closely with staff to develop information for the public on the 1976 Copyright Act. In April 1980, she was appointed chief of the Examining Division, where she remained until September 1983 when she became a policy planning advisor to the Register. She has also served as acting general counsel.

Ms. Peters testifies before Congress and frequently speaks on copyright-related topics at conferences throughout the United States and abroad. She has served as a lecturer in the Communications Law Institute of The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law and as adjunct professor of copyright law at The University of Miami School of Law and at the Georgetown University Law Center. She is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia, The Copyright Society of the U.S.A., the Intellectual Property Section of the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar Association, the ALAI-USA (Association Littéraire et Artistique Internationale), and the Computer Law Association. From 1989-1990 she served as a consultant on copyright law to the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva.