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Jon W. Dudas, Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C., is Keynote Speaker

ORANGE, Calif. We live in a world where the piracy of intellectual property is rampant. Tens of thousands of recorded songs are illegally downloaded and traded every day. Hollywood movies even movies still playing in the theaters are copied onto contraband DVDs and sold in the U.S. and overseas. Computer software is pirated, copied and traded almost from the moment a new version is released. All this drains money from both corporations and the U.S. economy, putting bottom lines and jobs at stake. How can we stop the piracy especially when the pirates are often operating on foreign shores?

All this is the theme of the International Intellectual Property Symposium: Recent Developments and Future Trends at the Chapman University School of Law on Thursday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring an impressive list of visiting scholars and experts. The event, which will be held in Donald P. Kennedy Hall, is the third annual symposium presented by Chapmans Center for Global Trade and Development, sponsored by Knobbe Martens Olsen & Bear LLP.

Registration is still open; please call (714) 628-2605 or visit www.chapman.edu/law/centers/globalTrade/2007symposium.asp for more information. Walk-in registration is \$125, and the conference qualifies for 5.75 hours of mandatory continuing legal education (MCLE) credit. Registration for the luncheon only, which will feature the keynote speaker, is just \$20.

The symposiums keynote speaker will be Jon W. Dudas, U.S. undersecretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Panels include:

World Intellectual Property Organization Development Agenda Debate Howard J. Klein, Esq., Klein, O'Neill & Singh, LLP, moderator; panelists Prof. F. Scott Kiefe (Washington University Law School); Tanuja Garde, director for IP rights and innovation, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and Jay Estling, PCT Director, WIPO

Domestic Enforcement of Foreign Copyright Violations Kyhm Penfil, Esq., campus counsel, UC Irvine, moderator; Prof. John Tehranian, University of Utah School of Law; Gregory P. Goeckner, acting general counsel, MPAA

Patent Harmonization Andrew Simpson, partner and head of international department, Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, moderator; Prof. Lorelei DeLarena, Florida State University School of Law; Robert D. Fish, Rutan & Tucker, chair, IP & Technology Group

The Globalization of the Entertainment Industry Prof. Sherri Burr, University of New Mexico Law School

Trademark Law Georgeann Grunebach, assistant general counsel and patent counsel, DirecTV, moderator; Jane Shay Wald, partner and chair, TM practice, Irell & Manella, LLP; Catherine Holland, partner, Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP