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## **Digital Millennium Copyright Act Agent Registration**

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To Our Clients and Friends:

If you provide Internet access service, host a website, or operate your own website, it behooves you to comply with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which can provide you with immunity from copyright infringement claims arising from content posted by others on websites over which you have control.

One of the conditions of immunity under the DMCA is that you identify an agent who is authorized to receive notices on your behalf of claims of copyright infringement on the website. Your agent should be identified on your website, and should be registered on the U.S. Copyright Office's DMCA Designated Agent Directory at <https://www.copyright.gov/dmca-directory>. This link provides access to both the registration system and the two agent directories the Copyright Office is currently maintaining.

In December of 2016, the Copyright Office switched over to an electronic copyright agent registration system. While the old paper registry filings have been preserved, they are going to be purged from the Copyright Office's system after December 31, 2017. Therefore, you must update your DMCA designated agent registration with an electronic filing by the end of the year to keep your designated agent registration in place and protect your DMCA immunity.

Please contact us with any questions concerning DMCA issues.

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