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INTRODUCTION

PROTECTING AND EXPLOITING U.S. AND CANADIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ABROAD IN A TECHNOLOGICALLY CHANGING WORLD ECONOMY

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It is my pleasure and honor to introduce to you Eric Schwartz, who is a partner in the Washington firm of Smith and Metalitz, where he specializes in copyright, entertainment, and information law. He is also a Professor at Georgetown University Law Center.

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