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## WHO'S WHO | in Intellectual Property Law

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Eryn Deblois is an associate at Campolo, Middleton & McCormick, LLP in Bohemia. Deblois' practice encompasses a wide range of intellectual property matters, including trademark, copyright, patents, trade secrets, privacy rights, licensing disputes, contract and business tort claims.

She counsels clients on acquiring and maintaining trademarks, including potential or pending infringement problems. Her practice also consists of litigating complex business disputes, commercial litigation, real estate, debtor/creditor matters, and trademark registration.

On January 20, 2012, Congress shelved the controversial bills aimed to crack down on copyright infringement by restricting access to sites that host or facilitate the trading of pirated content (Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and Protect IP Act (PIPA)), Deblois said.

"However, we will likely see their inevitable return as reworked bills addressing the concerns of U.S. Internet and Technology companies," she said.



"While the overall goals of the bills were supported, the broad language, uncertain liabilities and mandates that require monitoring of websites brought about strong opposition, she said. "Essentially, they would have allowed copyright holders and the Justice Department to seek court orders to shut down an entire website that is associated with copyright infringement, without the court's need to hear a defense from the actual website."

Furthermore, the legislation could have required U.S. search engines, advertising networks and other providers to withhold their services

to sites that are pirate sites, Deblois said. "On January 18, tech companies and users teamed up and went on strike," she noted. "Among the participants were companies such as Google and Wikipedia. As a result, the bills lost their congressional backers."

"Because piracy has been an ongoing issue for years, it is inevitable that these bills will come back up for discussion and are reworked," Deblois said.

Deblois earned an undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis, and earned a juris doctor from Seattle University School of Law, with a focus on IP and litigation. She is admitted to practice in New York and Washington, as well as the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of New York's Federal Courts, and is a part of the firm's litigation group. Campolo, Middleton & McCormick, LLP is a full-service law firm with the expertise and experience to represent clients in a wide variety of legal matters, including litigation and appeals, insurance, corporate and private equity, technology and intellectual property, government relations, employment, real estate, healthcare and bankruptcy law. Its clients range from individuals to global companies. Whether its clients are involved in a complex litigation or business transaction, or simply have a routine legal matter, they receive complete and devoted attention.