Register of Copyrights Shira Perlmutter today announced the appointment of Kimberley Isbell as Acting General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights at the United States Copyright Office, effective December 5, 2021. Isbell will serve on an interim basis while the Copyright Office finalizes the appointment of a permanent general counsel.

Isbell joined the Copyright Office in 2015 as senior counsel in the Office of Policy and International Affairs and has served as deputy director of policy and international affairs since September 2019. As deputy, Isbell shares responsibility for managing the department and handling an active portfolio of domestic and international legal and policy matters. During her time at the Office, she has co-led a number of important studies, on topics including the making available right, moral rights, and section 512 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, and has helped to negotiate international legal instruments, including the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

“Kim brings a wealth of experience to this position,” said Perlmutter. “She has greatly contributed to the Office’s successes on a number of fronts, and I look forward to working with her in this new role.”

Since joining the Copyright Office in 2015, Isbell has served as senior counsel for policy and international affairs. Before joining the Office, Isbell worked as in-house counsel to a medical society and as an associate in private practice focusing on trademark and copyright protection and enforcement at area law firms. Isbell also spent time as a fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society of Harvard University, where she worked on issues of law and policy affecting new media startups.
Isbell is a graduate of Harvard Law School where she was editor-in-chief of the *Harvard Law Record*. She received her undergraduate degree with honors in social and behavioral science at Johns Hopkins University.