

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING
AND MATERIALS d/b/a ASTM
INTERNATIONAL, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PUBLIC.RESOURCE.ORG, INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-01215-TSC

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS CURIAE*
BRIEF ON BEHALF OF LAW SCHOLARS IN SUPPORT OF
DEFENDANT-COUNTERCLAIMANT PUBLIC.RESOURCE.ORG'S
MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND IN OPPOSITION
TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

On behalf of the *amici* identified in the accompanying appendix, herein referred to as “*Amici*,” the undersigned counsel respectfully moves for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief in support of defendant-counterclaimant Public.Resource.org’s Motion for Summary Judgment and in opposition to plaintiff’s Motion for Summary Judgment and Permanent Injunction filed in the above referenced matter. A copy of the proposed brief accompanies this motion.

1. *Amici* are professors at major U.S. law schools, who teach and write about copyright, information law, intellectual property, the Internet, and related issues. *Amici* file solely as individuals and not on behalf of any institutions with which they are affiliated.¹

¹ As noted in the accompanying brief, *amici* Pamela Samuelson and Jonathan Zittrain are members of the Board of Directors of the Electronic Frontier Foundation (“EFF”), which represents defendant Public.Resource.org, Inc. in this case. Neither Professor Samuelson nor Professor Zittrain had any direct involvement in EFF’s representation of defendant in the case.

2. *Amici* do not have a financial interest in the outcome of the present litigation. *Amici*—as scholars and experts with knowledge and experience concerning copyright, information law, intellectual property, the Internet, and related issues—have an interest in ensuring the proper functioning and coherent development of the copyright system.
3. Further, as law professors, *Amici* are committed to ensuring robust and unfettered access by citizens to the laws with which they are required to comply.
4. This Court has permitted *amicus* briefs when “the amicus has unique information or perspective that can help the court beyond the help that the lawyers for the parties are able to provide.” *Jin v. Ministry of State Security*, 557 F. Supp. 2d 131, 137 (D.D.C. 2008) (quoting *Ryan v. Commodity Futures Trading Comm’n*, 125 F.3d 1062, 1063 (7th Cir. 1997)). As experts in the field, *Amici* offer the viewpoint of unbiased observers, a perspective that the Court could not otherwise get from the parties to this case.
5. *Amici* write to bring to the Court’s attention legal analysis relevant to the question of copyrightability of works authored by standards developing organizations and incorporated into operative law.
6. In particular, the proposed *amicus* brief provides historical context regarding the public domain status of operative law, legal analysis regarding the merger doctrine and its applicability to model codes that have been adopted (like those in the present case), and policy analysis regarding the implications of a finding of copyrightability.
7. *Amici*’s extensive knowledge of copyright law and related intellectual property issues, developed through academic research and/or real world legal practice, combined with their understanding of the policy implications of enforcing a copyright in operative law, gives *Amici* valuable insight into the question of copyrightability at issue.

8. The parties have agreed that they will not oppose any *amicus* filing in support of either side. *See* Joint Report on Proposed Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule at 4, ECF No. 114 (October 30, 2015).

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Professor Stacey Dogan is a leading scholar in intellectual property and competition law. Her recent articles explore cutting-edge topics in trademark, copyright, and right of publicity law, including questions of intermediary liability, the rights of trademark parodists, and evolving norms underlying trademark law.

Professor Dogan has presented her research at numerous national and international conferences, and her writings have appeared in journals including the *Stanford Law Review*, *Emory Law Journal*, *Iowa Law Review* and *Texas Law Review*. She has served as chair of the Intellectual Property Section of the Association of American Law Schools, and was co-editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the Copyright Society* from 2008 to 2011. Dogan is an active participant in educational programs with the local bar, leading seminars and discussions for the Boston Bar Association, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education and the Massachusetts Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts.

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Silbey earned her undergraduate degree with honors from Stanford University and her J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Michigan, where she also earned a PhD in comparative literature. She served as law clerk to Judge Robert E. Keeton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and Judge Levin H. Campbell of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. She also spent three years in private law practice, focusing on intellectual property.

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Professor Urban comes to Berkeley Law from the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law, where she founded and directed the USC Intellectual Property & Technology Law Clinic. Prior to joining the USC faculty in 2004, she was the Samuelson Clinic's first fellow and visiting assistant professor. Prior to that, she was an attorney with the Venture Law Group in Silicon Valley. She graduated from Cornell University with a B.A. in biological science (concentration in neurobiology and behavior) and from UC Berkeley School of Law with a J.D. (intellectual property certificate). She was the *Annual Review of Law and Technology* editor while a student at Berkeley Law, and received the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003.

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