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## **PRACTICE NOTICE ON ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES**

### *General Statement*

Expert witnesses have a duty to the Copyright Board to give fair, objective and non-partisan opinion evidence.

### *Acknowledgement of Expert Witnesses*

Expert witnesses who provide a report for use as evidence are required to sign the Board's "Acknowledgement of Expert Witness Form" which is attached to this Practice Notice. In signing, they acknowledge that they will comply with the Board's code of conduct for expert witnesses described in the Form. A signed copy of the Form is to be included in all expert reports filed with the Board.

In the event an expert fails to comply with the Board's code of conduct for expert witnesses, the Board may exclude some or all of the expert's report.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXPERT WITNESS FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of expert*), acknowledge that I will comply with the Copyright Board's code of conduct for expert witnesses described below.

### COPYRIGHT BOARD'S CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPERT WITNESSES

1. An expert witness who provides a report for use as evidence has a duty to assist the Board impartially on matters relevant to his or her area of expertise.
2. The duty referred to above prevails over any obligation which an expert may owe to any party by whom or on whose behalf the expert is engaged.
3. An expert is to be independent and objective.
4. An expert is not an advocate for a party.

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(Signature of expert witness)