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Erika is an attorney and the Assistant Director of New Media Rights, a clinical program of California Western School of Law that provides free and low-cost legal services to creators, entrepreneurs, and internet users whose projects require specialized internet, intellectual property, privacy, media and entertainment law expertise. In addition to providing preventative, transactional legal services, Erika also develops educational resources for New Media Rights and engages in public policy advocacy in regulatory proceedings at the Copyright Office. She is also an adjunct professor for California Western School of Law, teaching the Internet and Media Law Clinic.

Erika received her Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. During law school, Erika worked for New Media Rights as an intern and student fellow before spending a semester in Los Angeles working in the business and legal affairs department of Shout! Studios (formerly Shout! Factory), a multi-platform media company specializing in film and TV distribution, development, and production. Erika previously worked for four years in the marketing department of Overture Center for the Arts in Madison, Wisconsin, where she assisted in programming projects and events that engaged local communities with the arts, and promoted national Broadway and non-Broadway touring productions.

Erika has been published in the Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal (*Fixing Copyright Registration for Online Video Creators: The Case for Group Registration of Published Videos*, 28 TEXAS INTELL. PROP. L. J. 87, (2019) (with Art Neill)), and she has co-authored several articles with her colleagues at New Media Rights for Forbes. Most recently, Erika contributed to the comments New Media Rights submitted to the Copyright Office’s study on Artificial Intelligence, and to a forthcoming publication on applying copyright law to the training of textual generative artificial intelligence.

She also guest lectures at university classes across California and the country, including Otis College of Art & Design, California State University Northridge, San Diego State University, the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, and Champlain College in Vermont. Erika also frequently speaks about copyright law to groups at the Regional Entrepreneurship Center (REC) Innovation Lab, as well as KPBS, the San Diego PBS member station. She was also a guest on the podcast *Pop Culture Detective: Audio Files*, hosted by Jonathan McIntosh (“Demystifying Fair Use, Copyright, and Content ID,” January 31, 2023). She is inspired daily by her clients and their passion for their craft.