

## **Therese Randazzo**

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Therese Randazzo is the Director, IPR Policy and Programs with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Ms. Randazzo directs CBP policies and program development on intellectual property rights (IPR), and oversees its strategic plan for enforcing IPR while facilitating the flow of legitimate trade. Ms. Randazzo works with the private sector, other Federal agencies, foreign customs administrations and international organizations to strengthen customs IPR enforcement at U.S. borders and around the world.

Previously, Ms. Randazzo served as the Acting Executive Director, Commercial Targeting and Enforcement in CBP's Office of International Trade. In that capacity, she led five offices responsible for commercial targeting, trade analysis and measures, enforcement policy, trade information management, and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). As Director, Risk Management Division, she headed CBP's IPR working group, directed development of risk assessments, analytical reports and risk models, and administered the agency's Compliance Measurement Program, which measures the compliance of U.S. imports with trade laws and security requirements.

Prior to moving to Washington, D.C. in 2006, Ms. Randazzo served as Director, Strategic Trade Center, Los Angeles, with CBP and its predecessor agency, the U.S. Customs Service, where she managed national IPR enforcement operations. She also served as an International Trade Manager in the U.S. Customs Service's Strategic Trade Center, Los Angeles. Prior to joining the Strategic Trade Center, Ms. Randazzo was the Acting Director, U.S. Customs Service, Office of Commercial Operations at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). She was also a Supervisory Import Specialist, Commercial Operations, at Los Angeles International Airport, and began her customs career as an Import Specialist at the Los Angeles Seaport in 1988.

Ms. Randazzo received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of New Orleans in 1986.



## Sebastian Wright

Chief, Property Rights Policy Branch  
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Sebastian Wright is Chief of the Intellectual Property Rights Policy Branch in U.S. Customs and Border Protection where he is responsible for establishing, coordinating, and implementing CBP policy on Intellectual Property Rights enforcement.



## **Clark Silcox**

Secretary and General Counsel  
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**Clark Silcox** is Secretary and General Counsel to the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) based in Rosslyn, Virginia outside of Washington, D.C, a position he has held since 1998. He has overall legal responsibility for NEMA's legal compliance program as well as internal compliance with NEMA policies and procedures, including compliance with NEMA's Standardization Policies and Procedures. He also promotes industry and consumer awareness about counterfeit electrical products and law enforcement in protection of intellectual property rights.

From 1992-2002, he was a member of the management committee of the Capital Goods Standards Coalition, a coalition of equipment manufacturers and trade groups representing equipment manufacturers following the development of ISO and EU standards relating to the safety of machinery, and participated on the U.S. TAG reviewing the ISO machinery safety standards.

Mr. Silcox worked closely with U.S. machinery manufacturers in developing educational programs for members and other capital goods groups about the EU Machinery Safety Directive and the standards developed in connection with that Directive. Part of this educational program focuses on the importance of risk assessment in a company safety and liability prevention program. Mr. Silcox has spoken before a number of organizations on the issue of Standard Development Organization tort liability. He currently serves as a member of the American National Standards Institute's Intellectual Property Rights Policy Committee. Mr. Silcox graduated from The George Washington University Law School in 1978 and the University of California at Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in economics in 1975. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the District of Columbia bar, and the State Bar of California.



**GILBERT LEE SANDLER** is a founding member of the customs and trade law firm, Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., and a principal of its affiliated consulting company, Sandler & Travis Trade Advisory Services. The firms have locations throughout the U.S. and in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Hong Kong and Poland.

As a private practitioner for 36 years, he has been recognized as an innovative advocate on import and export regulatory issues ranging from the most traditional customs issues of tariff classification, valuation, penalties and seizures, to the broader range of laws enforced at national borders, including intellectual property, product and food safety, ethical sourcing, export controls, and anti-terrorism and supply chain security requirements. Previously, he was a senior trial attorney in the Department of Justice, representing the federal government on customs and trade issues in federal court.

His experience in intellectual property issues cover more than 25 years, in which he has represented rights holders, as well as authorized and unauthorized distributors of genuine goods, before government agencies, the Courts and Congress seeking enhancement of anti-counterfeiting efforts, resolution of detentions and seizures and increased facilitation of trade in genuine goods. A large part of his experience has been devoted to the particular problems involved in defining and facilitating legitimate parallel market trade while improving efforts to stop counterfeits from moving in commerce. He has participated in *amici* briefs filed in three (3) Supreme Court cases on parallel market or gray market issues, as well as in working on rulemaking with CBP and other federal agencies on IPR enforcement issues.

More generally, he served thirty years as an advisor to the U.S. government on trade negotiations and customs issues, having been first appointed after adoption of the Customs Valuation Code in 1979, and served four (4) years on COAC during the transition of Customs from Treasury to Homeland Security and the development of C-TPAT, ISA and the Focused Assessment programs. Mr. Sandler is also an active leader in associations promoting international trade development and facilitation at the local, state and national levels, serving on the Board of the American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI), the steering committee of the Joint Industry Group (JIG), and chair of the Florida Chamber International Business Committee. In addition, he is currently General Counsel to the Florida Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association and the American Free Trade Association.

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## **Christopher Robertson**

**Deputy Director  
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Christopher Robertson currently is assigned as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Deputy Director to the National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Coordination Center, in Arlington, Virginia. The National IPR Coordination Center is a multi-agency center, responsible for coordinating the U.S. Government's unified domestic and international law enforcement response to IPR violations, other trade fraud and import safety concerns. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Robertson was stationed at the CBP IPR National Targeting & Analysis Group (IPR NTAG) in Los Angeles, which is responsible for developing and coordinating national CBP IPR enforcement initiatives and activities, to include developing national targeting operations to enforce U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) Exclusion Orders. Mr. Robertson has worked in various trade enforcement programs for CBP and the predecessor organization, the U.S. Customs Service, since 1992. Mr. Robertson is admitted to the California State Bar.

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