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Herbert C. Wamsley is Executive Director of Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) in Washington, DC. Founded in 1972, IPO is a trade association with more than 150 corporate members from all major industries that own patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. More than 11,000 individuals are involved in the association through their companies or as law firm or individual members. A majority of the association's members are based in the U.S., but a growing number are abroad, and the association's 2008-2011 strategic plan calls for a major expansion of international programs. IPO created an educational subsidiary, the IPO Education Foundation, in 2005. The foundation is devoted to increasing public awareness of the economic importance of intellectual property rights.

Mr. Wamsley is the chief executive officer of IPO and its foundation. He is a registered lobbyist with the U.S. Congress. He is also editor of the *IPO Daily News*, which summarizes every precedential patent and trademark opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Before he came to IPO, he was with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for 18 years in a number of positions including chief of staff to the head of the agency and director of trademark examining. He received a J.D. degree from Georgetown University, where he was an editor of the law review, and an L.L.M. degree from George Washington University. His undergraduate degree was in electrical engineering. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Virginia bars.

He is a member of the Advisory Board of BNA's *Patent, Trademark and Copyright Journal* and the Advisory Council on Intellectual Property of Franklin Pierce Law Center. He is a frequent writer and speaker on intellectual property topics. He is a recipient of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Society's Federico Award, given for service to the patent and trademark systems.