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# live webinar - 20 years after: how napster changed the world of secondary liability

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Zoom Webinar

May 28, 2020

1:00 - 2:00 pm EDT

Event Sponsor: The Copyright Society of the USA

**Russell Frackman** will be speaking on the panel, "20 Years After: How Napster Changed the World of Secondary Liability," for The Copyright Society of the USA on May 28, 2020 via Zoom Webinar.

## "20 Years After: How Napster Changed the World of Secondary Liability"

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*Twenty years ago, the peer-to-peer file sharing company Napster upended the music industry, which then relied on the distribution of physical media, and well-established business models governing such transactions. Soon after, the seminal case *A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc.*, 239 F.3d 1004 (2001), shook up copyright law by holding that Napster could be liable for copying of songs by its users under the doctrines of contributory infringement and vicarious infringement. This landmark decision continues to impact copyright law, as well as the development of new technology in the music industry and many other sectors. Drawing from extensive experience with Napster and its progeny, our panel of advocates for content owners and champions of tech developers will discuss the positive and negative effects of the case, and consider how impacted sectors could have developed if the case had been decided differently.*

Speakers:

- **Russell Frackman, partner at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP**
- Joseph C. Gratz, partner at Durie Tangri LLP

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## practice areas

entertainment & ip litigation  
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- Jennifer Pariser, Vice President, Copyright and Legal Affairs at the Motion Picture Association
- Fred von Lohmann, adviser to the American Law Institute's (ALI) Restatement of Copyright project

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### Event Details