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WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP partner **Matthew Williams** has been named executive director and legal counsel of the Coalition for Online Accountability, an advocacy organization of leading entertainment companies and trade associations.

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In his new position, Williams will represent the coalition's interests before the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, or ICANN, a public benefit corporation dedicated to keeping the internet secure, stable and interoperable. He also will work with governments, and other organizations in the United States and internationally, on the creation of policies and laws that could help strengthen online transparency and accountability to protect against copyright infringement and other fraudulent and harmful acts. Williams succeeds Dean S. Marks.

"Online infringement remains widespread and continues to inflict economic harm on our coalition members as well as other copyright owners and their licensees," Williams said. "I will continue the important work that Dean Marks has done on behalf of the COA, working closely with ICANN and other stakeholders to bring more transparency and accountability with respect to domain name holders, as well as increased responsibility on the part of domain name service providers, so that we can fight copyright infringement and other illegal activity for the benefit of global creators."

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- Entertainment Software Association
- Motion Picture Association
- NBCUniversal
- Recording Industry Association of America
- The Walt Disney Company
- Warner Bros. Discovery

About the Coalition for Online Accountability

The Coalition for Online Accountability consists of seven leading copyright industry companies, trade associations and member organizations. COA's goal is to enhance and strengthen online transparency and accountability by working to ensure that domain name and IP address databases remain publicly accessible, accurate, and reliable, as key tools against online copyright infringement, as well as to combat trademark infringement, cybersquatting, phishing, and other fraudulent or criminal acts online.

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