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Mr. Dickinson previously served as Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, having been nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Prior to assuming his present position, he was a partner in the law firm of Howrey Simon Arnold & White, where he was a leader of its intellectual property practice.

He has more than twenty-five years of experience in all aspects of intellectual property law and public policy, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets and has written and spoken extensively on intellectual property issues, and has testified before Congress, the Federal Trade Commission and the National Academy of Sciences on the impact of intellectual property policies.

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