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In her role as Senior Vice President and Global Content Protection Counsel for the Motion Picture Association of America, Karen Thorland manages domestic content protection civil litigation and oversees the Association's worldwide civil litigation efforts. She also provides legal support for the Association's worldwide content protection department.

Thorland came to the MPAA from her partnership at Loeb & Loeb, LLP, which she joined in 2001. She has deep experience in a broad range of litigation and intellectual property matters, including copyright and trademark, rights of publicity and privacy, First Amendment, entertainment contractual disputes and appeals. She has represented prominent entertainment industry clients, including major and independent film studios, producers, record labels, and other music companies, as well as interactive companies, internet marketers and advertisers. While at Loeb & Loeb, Thorland was the co-lead counsel for the MPAA member companies in a national litigation campaign related to peer-to-peer file-sharing. She also successfully argued an appeal before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, obtaining the affirmance of a dismissal with prejudice of a karaoke product manufacturer's declaratory relief action against BMG involving the scope of compulsory licenses and the fair use doctrine. Prior to joining Loeb & Loeb LLP, Thorland was an associate at Jones Day from 1994 to 2001, where she worked on large-scale commercial litigation and intellectual property matters.

Thorland is a frequent speaker on copyright and technology issues, a member and former Trustee of the Los Angeles Copyright Society, and a member of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, among other organizations.

Thorland has also done pro bono work on behalf of Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles, The Rape Treatment Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, and the ACLU Foundation.

She is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law, and the University of California at Santa Barbara, where she graduated with Highest Honors, College Honors, and Distinction in Major. Thorland currently serves on the UCLA School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.