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## Schwab announces USTR Staff promotions

Names new Assistants for Intellectual Property Rights and Legislative Affairs

Washington, D.C. – United States Trade Representative Susan C. Schwab is pleased to announce the promotion of Stan McCoy to Assistant USTR for intellectual property and innovation and Andy Olson to Assistant USTR for legislative affairs.

"Both Stan and Andy bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge in their specific fields that are critical to the USTR mission. Stan will lead efforts against intellectual property violations impacting consumers and industry while Andy will be our liaison to Congress on numerous issues, including our pending free trade agreements" said Ambassador Schwab. "I look forward to working with both Stan and Andy in continuing to pursue an aggressive 2008 trade agenda."

Mr. McCoy will serve as the principal advisor to Ambassador Schwab and Deputy USTR John Veroneau on intellectual property issues and will be responsible for developing and implementing trade policy aimed at reducing counterfeiting and piracy and enforcing protections for both. Previously, Mr. McCoy served as chief negotiator for intellectual property enforcement as well as associate general counsel for the USTR. Holding a juris doctor from the University of Virginia and a bachelor's from DePauw University, Mr. McCoy was previously with the law firm of Covington and Burling in Brussels, Belgium and Washington, D.C., where he focused on international intellectual property enforcement, international trade law, and other matters.

Mr. Olson will be responsible for overseeing Congressional consultations and outreach. Prior to this role, Mr. Olson served as Deputy Assistant USTR for Congressional Affairs. Before joining USTR, Mr. Olson served as Legislative Counsel to Senator Bill Frist (R-TN), where he handled foreign relations, international trade, and financial services issues. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Olson worked for Congressman Christopher Cox (R-CA) handling foreign policy, international trade, tax, and financial services issues. Mr. Olson holds a bachelor's of political science and history from the University of Mississippi, his juris doctor degree from the University of Missouri, and a master's degree in international affairs from the George Washington University's Elliot School.

## **Background:**

The Office of Intellectual Property and Innovation at USTR uses a wide range of bilateral and multilateral trade tools to promote strong intellectual property laws and effective enforcement worldwide. The Office of Legislative Affairs serves as a liaison between USTR and Congress on a number of issues in a collective, bipartisan manner. Find our more at <u>www.ustr.gov</u>.