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Dana Robert Colarulli is a DC-based attorney and senior government affairs professional with more than two decades of experience working on legal-related technology policy and intellectual property issues in and with the private sector, the Executive Branch and the U.S. Congress. In various roles, he has served as a trusted advisor to corporate executives and government officials, managed and directed diverse teams that have led to the enactment of major intellectual property legislation, built coalitions to support policy positions and operational priorities, and proactively implemented strategic outreach and communications plans.

He is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Licensing Executive Society International (LESI), the umbrella organization of 33 national and regional associations for executives licensing intellectual property which serves as a platform for professional development, networking and collaboration for companies and firms throughout the world. He also consults on IP policy and legislative issues domestically with the American Continental Group (ACG).

Most recently, he served as the Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs as a member of the Executive Management team at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). As the top legislative liaison at the Department of Commerce on Intellectual Property issues, Mr. Colarulli facilitated substantive patent, copyright and trademark and related policy discussions and advocated for USPTO operational priorities through two Administrations and nearly 10 years. Mr. Colarulli managed and grew a team at the USPTO to effectively engage Capitol Hill and build relationships with Members of Congress and other elected officials. Mr. Colarulli coordinated USPTO personnel to facilitate enactment of various legislative reforms including the 2011 American Invents Act (AIA), the Defend Trade Secrets act, and implementation bills for various trademark, patent and copyright treaties.

Prior to this role, Mr. Colarulli served as Director of Government Relations and Legislative Counsel for the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), a well-respected national trade association of in-house counsel and law firms representing a broad range of technology companies. He has worked in the U.S. Senate, in a DC-based Law Firm and at the U.S. Small Business Administration.

He was born in Rhode Island and is a member of the Massachusetts Bar.