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Copyright Office Proposes Small Claims Expedited Registration Procedures and FOIA Conforming Amendment. The U.S. Copyright Office is proposing procedures for a new expedited registration option, as directed by the Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act, for a work at issue before the Copyright Claims Board (CCB). The proposed rule on small claims expedited registration enables a claimant or counterclaimant with a pending copyright registration application to pay a small additional fee and request expedited registration after they submit their completed registration application, if the respondent either has opted in to the CCB proceeding or has not timely opted out. The Office proposes these changes to help facilitate the access and affordability of alternative dispute resolution before the CCB. Additionally, as part of CASE implementation, the Office proposes a conforming amendment to its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations. The amendment reflects the CASE Act's direction that only the CCB "determinations, records, and information" that are published on the Office's website and that relate to a CCB final determination are subject to disclosure under FOIA. Written comments in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking had to be received no later than 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 26, 2021.

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U.S. Copyright Office Releases Updated Version of the Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition. Register of Copyrights Shira Perlmutter today released an updated version of the Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition. It is available on the Office's website at https://www.copyright.gov/comp3. This update is effective as of January 28, 2021, and it is the governing administrative manual for registrations and recordations issued by the U.S. Copyright Office on or after that date.

This update was initially released in draft form on March 15, 2019. The Office received comments on the draft from eleven organizations and seven individuals. After carefully reviewing these comments, the Office revised 953 sections of the Compendium as part of this release: 277 of those sections were modified since the release of the public draft and 87 of those sections were modified in response to the public comments. A complete list of all sections that have been added, amended, revised, or removed is posted on the Office's website.