

Ms. Alaina van Horn

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Alaina van Horn currently serves as the Chief of the Intellectual Property Enforcement (IPE) Branch of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Trade, where she supervises a team of attorneys and paralegals specializing in border enforcement of intellectual property rights.

Immediately prior to this position, she served a one-year detail in the Office of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC) in the Executive Office of the President, as a Policy Advisor specializing in customs law.

Prior to joining the IPEC she was a Senior Attorney-Advisor in the Intellectual Property Rights Branch of CBP's Office of Trade for over a decade, where she provided legal support to

all ports of entry on border enforcement of trademarks and copyrights; adjudicated administrative petition for relief from seizure; issued binding rulings and infringement determinations, and administered patent and trade secrets based exclusion orders issued by the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Ms. Amanda Lotheringen

Senior Manager, Copyright and IP Enforcement, Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa



Ms. Amanda Lotheringen joined the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition in 1993 and is currently Senior Manager, Copyright and IP Enforcement, at the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission.

In 1999, she took responsibility for the implementation of the Counterfeit Goods Act, No. 37 of 1997, and oversaw the declaration of the first counterfeit goods depot. She was also involved in the training of law enforcement officials across government departments to implement that Act.

Ms. Lotheringen was nominated as Vice-Chair at the first meeting of WIPO's Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE) held in Geneva in 2003 and chaired the ACE in 2015 and 2016. She holds a degree from the Rand Afrikaans University in Development Economics and an Honors degree in Economics.

Ms. Army Ferreira

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Ms. Army Ferreira is currently Deputy Attorney General to the Attorney General of the Republic. She is also in charge of the Intellectual Property Unit of the Attorney General's Office, UPI-PGR.

Ms. Ferreira has been in the Public Prosecutor's career since 2005, after passing the District Attorney's evaluation process. She has held several positions within the Attorney General's Office, including in the departments of Homicide, Information Technology Crimes, and Arms Trafficking.

She represented the Dominican Republic at the regional meeting for the Intellectual Property Rights & Global Trade Enforcement Training, HSI Caribbean, in August 2021, organized by the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, IPR Center of the United States of America.

Ms. Ferreira also represented the Dominican Republic at the First Conference on Counterfeiting and Intellectual Property in the Lesser Antilles, organized by the Ministry of Justice of Sint Maarten.

She was the member of the Dominican Republic Delegation for the Fifth Evaluation of the Dominican Republic Trade Policies before the World Trade Organization (WTO), in Geneva, Switzerland.