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Alden F. Abbott has been a Deputy Director in the FTC's Office of International Affairs since August 2009. In that role, he participates in intraagency and interagency activities, represents the FTC before domestic and foreign audiences, and helps drive policy development. Since the 1980s he has played a leading role in the development and articulation of policies undergirding strong intellectual property protection.

Previously, as Associate Director in the Bureau of Competition, he led policy development, evaluation, and international activities in the Bureau; he represented the Commission in domestic and international fora; and he also supervised the director of the FTC Office of Policy and Coordination. From April through June 2005 Mr. Abbott was a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford University, where he conducted research and lectured on antitrust law. In 2002-2003 he was a Wasserstein Visting Public Interest Fellow at Harvard Law School. Prior to joining the FTC in June 2001, Mr. Abbott served in a variety of senior government positions at the Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Department of Justice, including, e.g., Acting General Counsel, DOC; Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, DOC; Senior Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, DOJ; Special Counsel, Office of Legal Policy, DOJ; and Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, DOJ.

Mr. Abbott also has served as Adjunct Professor at George Mason University Law School since 1990. He has lectured and published widely on law and economics topics (e.g., antitrust, intellectual property, international trade, telecommunications) in the United States and abroad. He was educated at the University of Virginia (B.A., Phi Beta Kappa junior year), Harvard (J.D., Comment and Note Editor, *Harvard International Law Journal*, graduate studies in economics), and Georgetown (M.A., Economics). Mr. Abbott is listed in *Who's Who in America* and serves on the editorial board of the ABA Antitrust Law Journal. He speaks French, Spanish, and Italian.