

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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CAPITOL RECORDS INC.,  
A Delaware corporation, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil File No. 06-1497 (MJD/RLE)

JAMMIE THOMAS,

Defendant.

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**MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO FILE A BRIEF AMICI CURIAE OF  
COPYRIGHT LAW PROFESSORS IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT AND FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE**

Amici consist of tenured and tenure-track professors at American law schools. We teach and write in the field of intellectual property law generally and copyright law in particular. We have no stake in the outcome of this case, but we are interested in assisting this Court to interpret the law in a way that is consistent with the intent of Congress as expressed in the Copyright Act. We believe that we would be able to present a clear explanation of the relevant legal principles at issue in this and other cases involving similar fact patterns. In particular, our expertise as scholars in the field of copyright law may provide some useful background in copyright law—for example, concerning the relationship between the concepts of publication and distribution—that may be of assistance to the Court in deciding this case.

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This brief has been filed several hours after the noon deadline on June 13, 2008 due to a personal emergency of the filing attorney, and the filing attorney requests that this Court nonetheless accept this untimely filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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