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Immediately prior to joining Scalia Law, Professor Aistars was the Chief Executive Officer of the Copyright Alliance – a nonprofit, public interest organization that represents the interests of artists and creators across the creative spectrum. While at Scalia Law, she continues to collaborate with the Copyright Alliance as a member of its Academic Advisory Board. Professor Aistars also serves on the board of the Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts (WALA), and she has previously served as trustee of the Copyright Society of the USA (CSUSA). Professor Aistars managed Intellectual Property policy at a major media company as Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Time Warner Inc. She began her legal career in private practice at Weil, Gotshal and Manges LLP.