

# U.S. Criminal Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights



U.S. Department of Justice  
Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section



**Department of Justice  
Attorney General  
&  
Deputy Attorney General**

**The White House  
Intellectual Property  
Enforcement  
Coordinator  
("IPEC")**

**FBI, ATF, DEA**

**93 U.S. Attorneys'  
Offices  
Covering 94 Districts**

**Criminal Division**

**Other DOJ  
Divisions**

**25 CHIP Units**

**260+  
CHIP Prosecutors**

**Computer Crime &  
Intellectual Property  
Section  
(40 Prosecutors)**



**Prosecutors Dedicated to  
Intellectual Property & Computer Crime Cases**

# CCIPS



## Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section

- Up to 38 attorneys, up to 14 Attorneys Devoted to IP
- Prosecution / Legislation-Policy / International Enforcement
- Training and Outreach (domestic / foreign)
- National CHIP Coordinator
- Public Website: [www.cybercrime.gov](http://www.cybercrime.gov)



## CCIPS Cybercrime Laboratory

- Forensic consultation and field support
- Forensic and Technical Training
- Research and Awareness Training on New Technologies, Software and Equipment



# USAO/CHIP Network

## Computer Hacking & Intellectual Property Network

- At least one in each 93 USAOs
- 25 specialized CHIP Units
- Over 260 specially trained prosecutors



- Alexandria, Virginia
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Chicago, Illinois
- Dallas, Texas
- Kansas City, Missouri
- Los Angeles, California
- Miami, Florida
- New York, New York
- Brooklyn, New York
- Sacramento, California
- San Diego, California
- San Jose, California
- Seattle, Washington
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Orlando, Florida
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Washington, D.C.
- Austin, Texas
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Denver, Colorado
- Detroit, Michigan
- Newark, New Jersey
- New Haven, Connecticut
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



# Working with Victims

- Referring Cases for Investigation
  - IPR Center
  - Victim checklist
- Working with Victims
  - Expertise in identifying IP violations
  - Knowledge for valuing harm from offense

# International Cooperation

- IP Law Enforcement Coordinator (IPLEC)
  - Bangkok
  - Bucharest
  - Hong Kong (2016)

# Joint Liaison Group of Legal Experts (JLG)

- Co-chairs of IP Criminal Enforcement Working Group
- Worked to identify shared priorities:
  - Offenses endangering human health, such as counterfeit pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, foods, healthcare products, tobacco;
  - Offenses endangering public safety, such as counterfeit auto parts, hazardous chemicals; and
  - Other serious counterfeiting operations, including large-scale manufacture and distribution of branded clothing/luggage/bags, electronic products and household items.



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