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World Law Group Quick Guide to Private-Copy Levy Systems Covers 31 Jurisdictions

Washington, D.C./ The World Law Group has released the second edition of a unique guide that describes the statutory regimes governing private copying and related compensation systems for copyright owners in 31 major jurisdictions worldwide.

The guide was designed to assist World Law Group member firms and those of their clients that manufacture and/or sell devices used for private copying in different countries – devices that originally included audio cassettes and then CDs and DVDs, but now extend to computers, external hard drives, USBs and smart phones.

Dr. Julia Wulf, chair of the WLG Intellectual Property & Information Technology practice group, explains in the introduction to the guide that it is also designed to help users quickly identify similarities and differences among the various levy systems. The guide examines:

- Information on the compensation systems for private copying;
- The way copyright levies are imposed and administered; and
- Whether the systems are challenged by ongoing litigation or political discussion.

The *Quick Guide to Private-Copy Levy Systems* is an example of the World Law Group's ability to offer clients top-flight comparative law resources from around the globe. The guide is available for download at www.theworldlawgroup.com.

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