

Jason Bloom in Bloomberg Law: ‘Small Claims Board, Unicors Decision Lead 2022 Copyright Issues’

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The opening of the U.S. Copyright Office’s small claims board and a decision ahead from the U.S. Supreme Court on Unicors Inc.’s bid to revive an \$800,000 award are two of the most significant developments set to play out in copyright law in 2022.

The Copyright Office must open the new board by late June after delaying it for 180 days after Dec. 27. Register of Copyrights Shira Perlmutter said the tribunal will begin operations “well before” that time.

The Supreme Court may need to further define what level of knowledge is required to invalidate a registration for lesser material errors, said [Jason Bloom](#), the head of the copyright practice at Haynes Boone LLP.

“If the Ninth Circuit’s decision is upheld,” Bloom said, “that could potentially lead to a lot more focus on the Copyright Office in litigation.”

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