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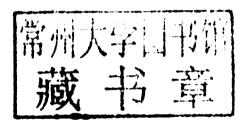
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Conf. Rep.	H.R. Rep. No. 94-1733, 94th Cong., 2d Sess. (1976) (see Appendix 5 infra)
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Decennial	January 1, 1978 — March 1, 1989 (see Overview infra)
DPRA	Digital Performance Rights in Sound Recordings Act of 1995 (see Appendix 2H)
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- Composition agreements 1 Form agreements regarding the writing
 of musical compositions and the exploitation of those compositions.
 Forms include song writing agreements, co-publishing agreements, subpublishing agreements, administration and co-administration agreements, and mechanical and synchronization license agreements.
- Master recording agreements² Form agreements regarding the performance of compositions and the exploitation of those performances. Forms include recording agreements and record producer agreements.
- Agreements for the use of music in motion pictures³ Forms include composing agreements and licenses for the use of pre-existing compositions and master recordings.
- Agreements for the use of music in television productions.4
- Agreements for the use of music in stage shows.⁵
- Agreements for use in connection with live performances Forms include live performance agreements and music video agreements.

The first two groups of forms deal with composition agreements and master recording agreements. The distinction between a composition and a master (i.e., a recording of a performance) is a perpetual source of confusion. It should be kept in mind that separate rights and protections are accorded to:

(1) the <u>musical composition</u>, which itself frequently consists of two distinct components — the lyrics and the music (or melody) and is the work created by the composer and lyricist; and

¹ Section 30.02 infra.

² Section 30.03 infra.

³ Section 30.04 infra.

⁴ Section 30.05 infra.

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(2) the physical embodiment of a particular performance of the musical composition, which is usually in the form of a "master recording" and is the performance of the musical composition.⁷

Form agreements in the music world are changing almost on a daily basis to adapt to and accommodate the brave new world of the Internet, new media, and new technologies. For many aspects of this new world, the forms and standard practices have not yet even begun to evolve, particularly in the world of the Internet, where no one can yet predict the value of these rights or appropriate methods for determining licensing fees.

The forms and commentary that follow should be viewed as starting points for drafting documents to meet the needs of individual clients. Each contract term in each form agreement should be examined closely to determine whether it needs to be modified to comport with the realities of the specific situation, supplanted in whole or in part, or simply stricken.

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⁷ See §§ 2.05[B] and 2.10 supra.