

**Former Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Attorney General
David M. Israelite Named President and CEO of
National Music Publishers' Association**

NMPA HEADQUARTERS RELOCATED TO D.C.

February 7, 2005 – Irwin Z. Robinson, Chairman of the National Music Publisher's Association (NMPA) Board of Directors, announced today that David M. Israelite has been named President and CEO of the NMPA, America's leading music publishing industry trade association. For the past four years Israelite served in the Bush Administration as the Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Attorney General of the United States, and as the Chairman of the Department's Task Force on Intellectual Property. Israelite succeeds Edward P. Murphy.

The NMPA will relocate its headquarters from New York to DC to facilitate increased interaction with Congress, the Administration, the federal judiciary and other intellectual property trade groups. The Association remains focused on copyright legislation and regulation in the digital and physical arenas, and in the coming year, the NMPA will continue its support of the publisher and songwriter plaintiffs in the U.S. Supreme Court hearing of the Grokster case. NMPA subsidiary, The Harry Fox Agency, Inc. will continue operations in New York under President and CEO Gary Churgin.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors of the NMPA, I am excited to announce that David Israelite will be at the helm of the NMPA,” said Irwin Z. Robinson, Chairman of the NMPA Board of Directors and Chairman and CEO of Famous Music Publishing. “David's outstanding legislative and political background combined with his tremendous knowledge of the issues surrounding intellectual property made him the obvious choice for this role, as the U.S. music publishing industry moves forward to confront the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.”

“Music publishing in the U.S. is a multi-billion dollar industry and constitutes one of the most valuable exports from this country, both culturally and financially,” said David Israelite. “I'm honored the NMPA Board of Directors selected me for the position of President and CEO. I look forward to working with them and the many publisher, songwriter, performing rights, and copyright organizations in the U.S. and around the world to protect, promote, and advance the interests of music's creators.”

Prior to his appointment to the Department of Justice in 2001, Israelite served as the Director of Political and Governmental Affairs for the Republican National Committee. As a senior advisor to the Chairman, he was responsible for the Republican Party's Campaign Operations, Government Affairs, Research, and Presidential Liaison Divisions.

From 1997 through 1998, Israelite became the youngest Administrative Assistant in the US Senate when he served under Missouri Senator Kit Bond, taking the reigns as the Senator's Campaign Manager during his successful re-election campaign in 1998.

From '94 to '97, Israelite practiced law in the Commercial Litigation Department at the firm of Bryan Cave, LLP in Kansas City, Missouri. Israelite earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri in 1994 and received a B.A. in a double major of Political Science and Communications from William Jewell College in 1990. While in college, Israelite was named Top Speaker by the National Cross Examination Debate Association, recognizing him as the nation's top collegiate debater. Israelite has been recognized as one of "Politics Fabulous Fifty" by Roll Call newspaper, a "Rising Star of Politics" by Campaigns and Elections Magazine, and one of Details Magazine's "50 Most Powerful Men under 38".

About the NMPA

Founded in 1917, The National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA) is a trade association representing more than 800 American music publishers. The NMPA's mandate is to protect and advance the interests of music publishers and their songwriter partners in matters relating to the domestic and global protection of music copyrights.

Music publishers control the copyrights for the underlying compositions of songs on behalf of the songwriters they represent. The NMPA is the leading trade association in the United States for music publishers, and advocates for their interests, as well as for their songwriter partners, by protecting, upholding, and advancing their valuable copyrights. The Harry Fox Agency, Inc., a subsidiary of the NMPA, is the premier U.S. mechanical rights organization.