

FILED: February 20, 2024

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 21-1168  
(1:18-cv-00950-LO-JFA)

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SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT; ARISTA MUSIC; ARISTA RECORDS, LLC; LAFACE RECORDS LLC; PROVIDENT LABEL GROUP, LLC; SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT US LATIN LLC; VOLCANO ENTERTAINMENT III, LLC; ZOMBA RECORDINGS LLC; SONY/ATV MUSIC PUBLISHING LLC; EMI AI GALLICO MUSIC CORP.; EMI ALGEE MUSIC CORP.; EMI APRIL MUSIC INC.; EMI BLACKWOOD MUSIC INC.; COLGEMS-EMI MUSIC INC.; EMI CONSORTIUM MUSIC PUBLISHING INC., d/b/a EMI Full Keel Music; EMI CONSORTIUM SONGS, INC., d/b/a EMI Longitude Music; EMI FEIST CATALOG INC.; EMI MILLER CATALOG INC.; EMI MILLS MUSIC, INC.; EMI UNART CATALOG INC.; EMI U CATALOG INC.; JOBETE MUSIC COMPANY, INCORPORATED; STONE AGATE MUSIC; SCREEN GEMS-EMI MUSIC, INCORPORATED; STONE DIAMOND MUSIC CORP.; ATLANTIC RECORDING CORPORATION; BAD BOYS RECORDS LLC; ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INCORPORATED; FUELED BY RAMEN LLC; ROADRUNNER RECORDS, INC.; WARNER-TAMERLANE PUBLISHING CORPORATION; WB MUSIC CORPORATION; UNICHAPPELL MUSIC, INCORPORATED; RIGHTSONG MUSIC INC.; COTILLION MUSIC, INCORPORATED; INTERSONG U.S.A., INC.; UMG RECORDINGS, INCORPORATED; CAPITOL RECORDS, LLC; UNIVERSAL MUSIC CORPORATION; UNIVERSAL MUSIC -MGB NA LLC; UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING INC.; UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING AB; UNIVERSAL PUBLISHING LIMITED; UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING MGB LIMITED; UNIVERSAL MUSIC - Z TUNES LLC; UNIVERSAL/ISLAND MUSIC LIMITED; UNIVERSAL/MCA MUSIC PUBLISHING PTY. LIMITED; POLYGRAM PUBLISHING, INC.; SONGS OF UNIVERSAL, INC.; WARNER RECORDS, INC., f/k/a W.B.M. Music Corp.; WARNER CHAPPELL MUSIC, INC., f/k/a Warner/Chappell Music, Inc.;

W.C.M. MUSIC CORP., f/k/a W.B.M. Music Corp.

Plaintiffs - Appellees

and

NONESUCH RECORDS INC.; WARNER BROS. RECORDS, INC.;  
WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC, INC.; W.B.M. MUSIC CORP.; UNIVERSAL -  
POLYGRAM INTERNATIONAL TUNES, INC.; UNIVERSAL - SONGS OF  
POLYGRAM INTERNATIONAL, INC.; UNIVERSAL POLYGRAM  
INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING, INC.; MUSIC CORPORATION OF  
AMERICA, INC., d/b/a Universal Music Corporation; RONDOR MUSIC  
INTERNATIONAL

Plaintiffs

v.

COX COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED; COXCOM, LLC

Defendants - Appellants

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INTERNET ASSOCIATION; ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION;  
CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY AND TECHNOLOGY; AMERICAN LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION; ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH  
LIBRARIES; ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES; PUBLIC  
KNOWLEDGE; NTCA THE RURAL BROADBAND ASSOCIATION; CTIA -  
THE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION; USTELECOM THE BROADBAND  
ASSOCIATION; INTERNET COMMERCE COALITION; INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY LAW PROFESSORS

Amici Supporting Appellant

NATIONAL MUSIC PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION; NASHVILLE  
SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL; SONGWRITERS OF  
NORTH AMERICA; COPYRIGHT ALLIANCE

Amici Supporting Appellee

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J U D G M E N T

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In accordance with the decision of this court, the judgment of the district court is affirmed in part, reversed in part, and vacated in part. This case is remanded to the district court for further proceedings consistent with the court's decision.

This judgment shall take effect upon issuance of this court's mandate in accordance with [Fed. R. App. P. 41](#).

/s/ NWAMAKA ANOWI, CLERK