

Gary Shapiro

President and CEO of the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA)



As head of CEA, Gary Shapiro leads the U.S. trade association that represents more than 2,000 consumer electronics companies. He has led the industry in its successful transition to HDTV, co-founded and chaired the HDTV Model Station, and served as a leader of the Advanced Television Test Center (ATTC).

In chairing the Home Recording Rights Coalition (HRRRC), Shapiro led the manufacturers' battle to maintain the legality of recording technology and consumer fair use rights. Shapiro is a member of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the State Department's Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy, and the Board of Directors of the Washington Economic Club. He has served as a member of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Commission on Information Technology and on the Board of Visitors of George Mason University. He has also been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a "mastermind" for his initiative in helping to create the Industry Cooperative for Ozone Layer Protection (ICOLP).

Shapiro has testified before Congress on technology and business issues more than 20 times and has been recognized by *The Hill* since 2006 as a "top lobbyist" in Washington. As noted in his interview with Intellirights, Shapiro authored the 2011 bestselling book *The Comeback: How Innovation Will Restore the American Dream*.

Before joining CEA, Shapiro was an associate at the law firm of Squire Sanders. He worked on Capitol Hill as an assistant to a member of Congress, received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate with a double major in economics and psychology from Binghamton University.

To learn more about Gary Shapiro and the CEA, please visit <http://www.ce.org>.

For more information on Gary Shapiro's book, *The Comeback: How Innovation Will Restore the American Dream*, please visit <http://www.facebook.com/InnovationMovement>.