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About Your Copyright

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With the easy access of the Internet, more people are writing and creating and displaying their art publicly than ever before. As a marketing coach, I receive many questions about copyrights - how to get your own, and how to know about someone else's work.

WHAT EXACTLY IS A COPYRIGHT?

According to the U. S. Copyright Office, a copyright is "a form of protection provided by the laws of the United States (title 17, U. S. Code) to the authors of 'original works of authorship,' including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works."

You can see it's a broad definition. One of the most important things to note is that it's a misconception that you must use a copyright notice on your work, or see one on someone else's for it to be copyrighted. This was required at one time, but is no longer.

So, just because you're looking at someone's Internet course, or reading an article they wrote, and it doesn't have a copyright notice on it - either on the Internet or hard copy - doesn't mean it isn't copyrighted. In fact it is copyrighted the minute it takes tangible form.

This has two ramifications. First of all, it's still good to use the copyright notice on your work, i.e., ©. You can make this by going to "Insert" then "symbol" then "special characters" then click on the © symbol and then "Insert" and then "close."

Of in a word document, simply type this - (c) (without spaces between) and it will automatically convert to the © symbol.

According to the U. S. Copyright Office, the following "works of authorship" are covered:

- 1.Literary works
- 2.Musical works, including any accompanying words
- 3.Dramatic works, including any accompanying music

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- 4.Pantomimes and choreographic works
- 5.Pictorial, graphic and sculptural works
- 6.Motion pictures and other audiovisual works
- 7.Sound recordings
- 8.Architectural works

Immediately the minute you create your work in "fixed form" it is your property.

The U. S. Copyright office specifies that all these categories should be taken broadly. For instance a map could be registered as "pictorial work." There are benefits to registering, of course.

But do understand that someone else's work is copyrighted whether there's the symbol on it. Respect

the international copyright law! When in doubt, contact the person for permission.

For more information, go here: <http://www.copyright.gov> .

And of course always check with an intellectual property attorney for legal information.

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How Copyright Protection Works

By Paul Thomas

What does copyright protect? Copyright is a type of intellectual property law, and it protects original works of authorship including dramatic, literary, artistic works and musical, and such as poetry, movies, novels, songs, computer software and architecture. Copyright does not protect ideas, facts, systems or methods of operation, though it may protect the way these things are expressed.

How can I copyright my website? The original authorship that appears on a website may be protected by copyright. This includes artwork, writings, photographs and other forms of authorship protected by copyright. Actions for registering the contents of a website can be found in Copyright Registration for Online Works.

How about copyright and my domain name? Copyright law does not protect domain names. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers that is a nonprofit organization that has understood the responsibility for domain name system management is administrating the assignment of domain names through recognized registers.

How about copyright to a slogan, logo, name or title? Copyright does not protect titles, names, slogans

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or short phrases. In a few cases these things may be protected as trademarks. Get in touch with U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on phone 800-786-9199 for additional information. Nevertheless copyright protection may be obtainable for logo artwork that contains enough authorship.

Can I protect my ideas? Copyright does not protect systems, concepts, ideas or methods of doing something. You may convey your ideas in writing or drawings and claim copyright in your explanation, but that copyright will not protect the idea itself as revealed in your written or artistic work.

Copyright protection and unpublished work. Publication is not required for copyright protection. It can be done with unpublished work as well.

Architecture copyright protection? Architectural work became subject matter to copyright protection on the 1st of December 1990. The copyright law defines architectural work as "the design of a building embodied in any tangible medium of expression, including a building, drawings or architectural plans." Copyright protection extends to any architectural work created on or after Dec. 1, 1990. Any architectural works that were incomplete and embodied in unpublished plans or drawings on that date and were constructed by December 31, 2002, are entitled to protection. Architectural designs embodied in buildings constructed prior to December 1, 1990, are not entitled for copyright protection. See Copyright Claims in Architectural Works

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