

# Publishing

## Experienced Guidance for Publishers and Producers of Content

Whether the subject is copyright protection of comic art or a textbook, publishing a newsletter or paperback, analyzing fair use and infringement questions, respecting rights of publicity or privacy, selecting and applying a Creative Commons license, or explaining how to exercise copyright termination rights, our attorneys are particularly well-versed in the intricacies of intellectual property and publishing law.

Our services include:

- Federal registration of copyrights and trademarks
- Advising on copyright and trademark fair use and infringement
- Drafting and negotiating publishing, collaboration, ghost writing and literary agency contracts
- Preparing and reviewing license agreements for many forms of content including software, games, books, and comics
- Drafting permissions forms and appearance releases
- Advising textbook authors on copyright and contracts issues
- Advising publishers and authors on potential liabilities and ways to reduce risk
- Ensuring that our clients' agreements with independent contractors capture the rights sought in their creative work product
- Helping clients navigate state and federal privacy, publicity and defamation issues

## Experience

Our lawyers advise traditional book, magazine and newspaper publishers; established and first-time authors and text-book editors; comic book creators, publishers, and distributors; and other producers and distributors of content. Three of our partners have taught copyright law and/or trademark law at local law schools, and one served as co-Chair of the New England Chapter of the Copyright Society of the USA.

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## Related Practices

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