

Copyright Law Pathfinder

Copyright laws provide authors with an incentive to create new works by giving them exclusive control over their creations' use and profits for a fixed period. This guide is intended to assist users in locating primary and secondary materials relating to U.S. copyright law in the University of Iowa Law Library's collections. It also includes a section on foreign, comparative, and international materials on copyright. Because this guide is selective in nature, researchers should consult with a reference librarian or search [InfoHawk](#), the library's online catalog, to identify additional materials that specifically address their research needs.

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Statutes

U.S. copyright laws are codified in Title 17 of the United States Code. Sources include:

- *United States Code*. 2nd Floor Core KF62 2006 .A2
- *United States Code Annotated*. 2nd Floor Core KF62 1927 .W48
- *United States Code Service*. 2nd Floor Core KF62 1972 .L38
- Cornell's Legal Information Institute - allows users to browse or search a free version of Title 17 http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode17/usc_sup_01_17.html
- U.S. Copyright Office - provides free access to Title 17 of the U.S. Code in html and pdf <http://www.copyright.gov/title17/>

Federal U.S. session laws are called public laws and are published in the Statutes at Large; the public law is the text of act as it was originally passed by Congress (before it gets codified).

Sources include:

- *United States Statutes at Large*. 2nd Floor Core KF50 .U55
- *U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News*. 2nd Floor Core KF48 .U54
- THOMAS - allows users to retrieve the text of public laws free of charge from the 93rd Congress to the present <http://www.thomas.gov/bss/d110/d110laws.html>
- [HeinOnline's Session Law Library](#) (UI access only) - provides access to pdf images of the Statutes at Large from 1789-2006.

New and pending legislation:

- U.S. Copyright Office - access copyright related bills pending in the current Congress at <http://www.copyright.gov/legislation/> and an archive of bills and public laws back to the 105th Congress at <http://www.copyright.gov/legislation/archive/>
- [CCH Copyright Law Reporter](#). 1st Floor KF2991.5 .C6 (UI access only for online version)
- [BNA's Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal](#). 1st Floor KF3091.A3 P37 (UI Law access only for online version)

Legislative Histories

To locate compiled legislative histories in the Law Library's collections, search [InfoHawk](#), the library's online catalog, using the following format:

Title words: <name of the act> and legislative history?

(i.e. Semiconductor Chip Protection Act and legislative history?)

Selected compiled legislative histories related to copyright in the Law Library:

- *Copyright and the GATT*. 1st Floor KF2994 .P35 1994 suppl. 1995
- *Digital Millennium Copyright Act: Text, History, and Caselaw*. 1st Floor KF2994 .D54 2003 & suppl. 2005
- *Digital Performance Right in Sound Recordings Act of 1995: A Legislative History of Public Law No. 104-39, 109 Stat. 336*. 1st Floor KF3030.2.A315 A15 2002
- *Federal Copyright Law: The Legislative Histories of the Major Enactments of the 105th Congress*. 1st Floor KF2988 1999 .M26
- *Kaminstein Legislative History Project: A Compendium and Analytical Index of Materials Leading to the Copyright Act of 1976*. 1st Floor KF2989.56.A16 K35
- *Legislative History of the 1909 Copyright Act*. 1st Floor KF2989.54 .A15 1976
- *Omnibus Copyright Revision Legislative History*. 1st Floor KF2988.8 1976 .O4

- *Semiconductor Chip and the Law: A Legislative History of the Semiconductor Chip Protection Act of 1984*. 1st Floor KF3065.A313 A15 1986
- *Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization Act of 2002: A Legislative History*. 1st Floor KF3080.A315 A15 2004

Additional sources for legislative histories:

- *Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories*. Compiled by Nancy P. Johnson, Reference KF42.2 1979; also available through [HeinOnline](#) (UI access only)
- *CIS Index*. Documents Reference Z1223.Z7 C6
- [LexisNexis Congressional](#) (UI access only)
- *U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News*. 2nd Floor Core KF48 .U54
- GPO Access <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>
- THOMAS <http://www.thomas.gov/>

Regulations and Administrative Materials

Regulations pertaining to copyright are located in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Sources include:

- *Code of Federal Regulations*. 2nd Floor Core AE 2.106/3:37
- *West's Code of Federal Regulations Annotated*. 2nd Floor Core AE 2.106/3-4: 37
- U.S. Copyright Office <http://www.copyright.gov/title37/>
- Cornell Legal Information Institute <http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/>
- GPO Access <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>
- [HeinOnline Code of Federal Regulations Library](#) - provides pdf access to all editions from 1938 through the present (UI access only)

New and proposed regulations:

- U.S. Copyright Office – provides an archive of U.S. Copyright Office announcements, rules, proposed rules, and other notices published in the *Federal Register* since 1993 <http://www.copyright.gov/fedreg/>
- [CCH Copyright Law Reporter](#). 1st Floor KF2991.5 .C6 (UI access only for online version)
- [BNA's Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal](#). 1st Floor KF3091.A3 P37 (UI Law access only for online version)
- *Federal Register*. 2nd Floor Core AE 2.106:
- GPO Access <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

- [HeinOnline Federal Register Library](#) – provides pdf access to all volumes since 1936 (UI access only)

Cases

Federal court reporters:

- *United States Reports*. 2nd Floor Core KF101 .U2
- *Supreme Court Reporter*. 2nd Floor Core KF101 .S9
- *United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers' Edition*. 2nd Floor Core KF101 .U58
- [United States Law Week](#). Reference KF105 .U54 (UI Law access only for online version)
- *Federal Reporter*. 2nd Floor Core KF105 .F4
- *Federal Supplement*. 2nd Floor Core KF120 .F4
- *Federal Appendix*. 2nd Floor Core KF110 .W47
- Cornell's Legal Information Institute Federal Court Opinions
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/federal/opinions.html>

Federal digests:

- *U.S. Supreme Court Digest*. 2nd Floor Core KF101.1 .U55
- *Digest of United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers' Edition*. 2nd Floor Core KF101.1 .D5
- *Federal Practice Digest*. 4th, 2nd Floor Core KF127 .F4

Topical reporters:

- [CCH Copyright Law Reporter](#). 1st Floor KF2991.5 .C6 (UI access only for online version)
- *CCH Copyright Law Decisions*. 1st Floor KF2991.5 .C66
- [United States Patents Quarterly](#). 1st Floor KF2975.A2 U54 - publishes new copyright decisions weekly in the digest volume and provides a classification system for locating opinions on a specific topic (UI Law access only for online version)
- [BNA's Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal](#). 1st Floor KF3091.A3 P37 (UI Law access only for online version)

Journal Articles

Journal indexes:

- [Current Index to Legal Periodicals](#) (See Law Library Reference Librarian for access)
- [Index to Legal Periodicals](#) (UI Law access only)

- [Legal Scholarship Network](#) (UI Law access only)
- [LegalTrac](#) (UI Law access only)

Copyright and intellectual property journals and newsletters:

- [AIPLA Quarterly Journal](#). 2nd Floor K1 .A464 (UI access only for online version)
- [BNA's Patent, Trademark & Copyright Law Daily](#). (UI Law access only)
- [BNA's Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal](#). 1st Floor KF3091.A3 P37 (UI Law access only for online version)
- [Buffalo Intellectual Property Law Journal](#). 2nd Floor K2 .U346 (UI access only for online version)
- *Computer & Internet Lawyer*. 2nd Floor K3 .O46
- *Computer Law Review and Technology Journal*. 2nd Floor K3 .O4598
- *DePaul Journal of Art, Technology & Intellectual Property Law*. 2nd Floor K10 .O755
- [Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal](#). 2nd Floor K6 .O7 (UI access only for online version)
- [Idea](#). 2nd Floor K9 .D348 (UI access only for online version)
- *Intellectual Property Law Annual*. 2nd Floor K9 .N83
- *Intellectual Property Law Review*. 2nd Floor K9 .N831
- *IP Litigator: Devoted to Intellectual Property Litigation and Enforcement*. 1st Floor KF2983.A15 I7
- *IPL Newsletter*. 1st Floor KF3091.A3 A45
- *Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.* 2nd Floor K10 .O905
- [Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal](#). 2nd Floor K24 .E922 (UI access only for online version)

Treatises, Looseleafs, Books and Practice Materials

Most of the Law Library's secondary materials relating to copyright are located on the 1st Floor in the KF2986-KF3080 call number range. That said, information on copyright can be found in materials covering intellectual property law, computer law, and similar topical areas. Therefore, researchers may find relevant materials in the broader KF2974-KF3093 call number range.

Treatises and looseleafs:

- *Computer Law*. 1st Floor KF3024.C6 B46 1978 (last updated 2003)
- *Copyright and the Public Domain*. 1st Floor KF3022 .F57 2008 (last updated 2008)
- *Copyright Law Decisions*. 1st Floor KF2991.5 .C66 (current subscription)

- *Copyright Law Reporter*. 1st Floor KF2991.5 .C6 (current subscription)
- *Goldstein on Copyright*. 1st Floor KF2994 .G6542 (last updated 2004)
- *The Law of Copyright*. 1st Floor KF2994 .A72 1991 (last updated 2007)
- *Nimmer on Copyright*. 1st Floor KF2991.5 .N5 (last updated 2006)
- *Patry on Copyright*. 1st Floor KF2991.5 .P38 2007 (current subscription)

Books:

- *Clearance & Copyright: Everything the Independent Filmmaker Needs to Know*, 2nd ed., rev. 1st Floor KF3070.Z9 D66 2003
- *Copyright: Examples and Explanations*. Reserve KF2995 .M35 2009
- *Copyright Illuminated: Refocusing the Diffuse US Statute*. 1st Floor KF2994 .N52 2008
- *Copyright Law*, 3rd ed. 1st Floor KF2995 .L56 2006
- *Copyright Law in a Nutshell*. Reserve KF2994 .L3 2008
- *Digital Copyright and the Consumer Revolution: Hands Off My iPod*. 1st Floor KF3030.1 .R56 2007
- *Distance Learning and Copyright: A Guide to Legal Issues*. 1st Floor KF3030.1 .A955 2008
- *Fair Use, Free Use, and Use by Permission: How to Handle Copyrights in All Media*. 1st Floor KF2995 .W477 2005
- *Getting Permission: How to License & Clear Copyrighted Materials Online & Off*. 1st Floor KF3024.C6 S75 2007
- *Illustrated Story of Copyright*. 1st Floor KF2994 .S26 2000
- *Music and Copyright*. 1st Floor KF3035 .R67 2008
- *Piracy in the Motion Picture Industry*. 1st Floor KF3070 .S44 2003
- *Practical Guide to Software Licensing for Licensees and Licensors*. 1st Floor KF3024.C6 C56 2008
- *Technology and Copyright Law: A Guidebook for the Library, Research, and Teaching Professions*, 2nd ed. 1st Floor KF3030.1 .B533 2007

Practice materials:

- *Advanced Seminar on Copyright Law, 2008*. 1st Floor KF2995 .A3 2008
- *Computer Software: Protection, Liability, Law, Forms*. 1st Floor KF3024.C6 K88 1987 (last updated 2008)
- *Copyright Registration Practice*, 2d ed. 1st Floor KF3004 .H39 1999 (last updated 2006)
- *Intellectual Property Counseling and Litigation*. 1st Floor KF2979 .I57 1988 (current subscription)
- *Kohn on Music Licensing*, 3rd ed. 1st Floor KF3035 .K64 2002

- *License Agreements: Forms and Checklists*. 1st Floor KF2977 .B38 2001 (last updated 2002)
- *Trademark & Copyright Disputes: Litigation Forms and Analysis*. 1st Floor KF3080.A65 B38 2003 (last updated 2004)
- *Licensing and Intellectual Property Law Desk Reference*, 2003 ed. 1st Floor KF2977.5 .S36 2002
- *Lindley on Entertainment, Publishing, and the Arts: Agreements and the Law*, 3rd ed. 1st Floor KF2991.5 .L5 2004 (last updated 2007)
- *Model Jury Instructions: Copyright, Trademark, and Trade Dress Litigation*. 1st Floor KF8984 .M63 2008
- *Understanding Copyright Law, 2008*. 1st Floor KF2995 .U632 2008
- *Understanding the Intellectual Property License, 2007*. 1st Floor KF2980 .U53 2007

Organizations

Governmental organizations:

- U.S. Copyright Office <http://www.copyright.gov/>
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) <http://www.wipo.int/portal/index.html.en>

Non-governmental organizations:

- American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property <http://www.abanet.org/intelprop/>
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) <http://www.aipla.org/>
- Copyright Society of the U.S.A. <http://www.csusa.org/>
- Creative Commons <http://creativecommons.org/>
- Digital Future Coalition <http://www.dfc.org/>
- Future of Music Coalition <http://www.futureofmusic.org/>
- International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFFRO) <http://www.ifrro.org>

Licensing and royalty collection organizations:

- American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers (ASCAP) <http://www.ascap.com/index.html>
- Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) <http://www.bmi.com/>
- Copyright Clearance Center <http://www.copyright.com/>
- Harry Fox Agency <http://www.harryfox.com/index.jsp>

- iCopyright <http://info.icopyright.com/>
- Society of European Stage Authors and Composers (SESAC)
<http://www.sesac.com/aboutsesac/about.aspx>

Trade associations:

- Association of American Publishers <http://www.publishers.org/>
- Business Software Alliance http://www.bsa.org/country.aspx?sc_lang=en
- Information Technology Association of America <http://www.itaa.org/>
- Motion Picture Association of America <http://www.mpa.org/>
- Recording Industry Association of America <http://www.riaa.com/>
- Software and Information Industry Association <http://www.sii.net/>

Websites

- Center for the Study of the Public Domain (Duke University)
<http://www.law.duke.edu/cspd/>
- Chilling Effects Clearinghouse <http://www.chillingeffects.org/>
- Copyright Infringement Project (Columbia and UCLA Law Schools)
<http://cip.law.ucla.edu/entrance.html>
- Copyright Renewal Database (Stanford University)
<http://collections.stanford.edu/copyrightrenewals/bin/page?forward=home>
- Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States (Cornell Copyright Information Center)
http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/public_domain/
- Copyright Timeline: A History of Copyright in the United States (Association of Research Libraries) <http://www.arl.org/pp/ppcopyright/copyresources/copytimeline.shtml>

Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal (FCIL) Materials

International materials relating to copyright and intellectual property are located on the Ground Floor of the Law Library in the K1401-K1499 call number range. FCIL journals relating to these topics are also found on the Ground Floor in the JX call number range. To search for copyright materials specific to a single foreign country, use [InfoHawk](#), the online catalog, and run a subject search using the following format:

Subject words: copyright <country> (i.e. copyright Australia)

Subject words: intellectual property <country> (i.e. intellectual property Mexico)

Sources and finding aids for foreign copyright laws:

- Collection of Laws for Electronic Access (WIPO) <http://www.wipo.int/clea/en/index.jsp>
- Collection of National Copyright Laws (UNESCO)
http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=14076&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- [Foreign Law Guide: Current Sources of Codes and Basic Legislation in Jurisdictions of the World](#) (UI Law access only)
- [Global Legal Information Network](#) (see Law Library Reference Librarian for access)
- Intellectual Property Rights: National Legislation (Organization of American States)
http://www.sice.oas.org/int_prop/ipnale.asp

Sources of international treaties:

- European Union Copyright Documents and Directives
http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/copyright/documents/documents_en.htm
- *International Legal Materials*. Ground Floor JX68 .I54 or through the [HeinOnline Treaties and Agreements Library](#) (UI access only for online version)
- *Treaties and International Acts Series*. Ground Floor JX235.9 .A32 or through the [HeinOnline Treaties and Agreements Library](#) (UI access only for online version)
- *United Nations Treaty Series*, Ground Floor JX170 .U35 or through the [United Nations Treaty Collection](#) (UI Law access only for online version)
- *United States Treaties and Other International Agreements*, Ground Floor JX231 .A34 or through the [HeinOnline Treaties and Agreements Library](#) (UI access only for online version)
- WIPO-Administered Treaties <http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/>

FCIL journal indexes:

- [Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals](#) (UI Law access only)

FCIL copyright journals and newsletters:

- [Copyright World](#). Ground Floor K1411.2 .C66 (See Law Library Reference Librarian for access)
- *European Intellectual Property Review*. Ground Floor JX1 .E942
- *Global Review of Cyberlaw*. Ground Floor JX1 .G62
- *IIC, International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law*. Ground Floor JX1 .I25
- *Intellectual Property Quarterly*. Ground Floor JX1 .I5307

- [*International Review of Law, Computers & Technology*](#). Ground Floor JX1 .Y45 (UI access only for online version)
- [*Journal of World Intellectual Property*](#). Ground Floor JX1 .J679 (UI access only for online version)
- *WIPO Magazine*. Ground Floor K1403 .W57

FCIL treatises, books & practice materials:

- *Copyright Law, Digital Content and the Internet in the Asia-Pacific*. Ground Floor K1447.15 .C67 2008
- *Copyright: World Law and Practice*. Ground Floor K1411.6 .C668 2004 (last updated 2004)
- *EU Digital Copyright Law and the End-User*. Ground Floor KJE2690.623 .M39 2008
- *Future of the Public Domain*. Ground Floor K1443.P83 F88 2006
- *Intellectual Property World Desk Reference*. Ground Floor K1401 .I58 1992 (last updated 2005)
- *International Copyright and Neighbouring Rights: The Berne Convention and Beyond*, 2nd ed. Ground Floor K1413 .R52 2006
- *International Copyright Law and Policy*. Ground Floor K1420.5 .L48 2008
- *International Copyright Law and Practice*. Ground Floor K1411.6 .I5 1988 (last updated 2006)
- *Is the Sui Generis Right a Failed Experiment? A Legal and Theoretical Exploration of How to Regulate Unoriginal Database Contents and Possible Suggestions for Reform*. Ground Floor K1443.D37 H47 2008
- *Moral Rights of Authors and Performers: An International and Comparative Analysis*. Ground Floor K1430 .A34 2006
- *Practical Guide to Digital Copyright Law*. Ground Floor K1420.5 .A48 2008
- *Re-thinking Intellectual Property: The Political Economy of Copyright Protection in the Digital Era*. Ground Floor K1420.5 .T53 2009
- *WIPO Intellectual Property Handbook: Policy, Law and Use*. Ground Floor K1401 .W58 2001
- *World Intellectual Property Rights and Remedies*. Ground Floor K1401 .W675 1999 (last updated 2007)

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