

## Practices

# Copyrights

To fully protect creative works, steps must be taken to ensure that rights are defensibly registered, transferred, and licensed. Although well-executed transactions are the first line of defense against infringement and false claims, major challenges can still arise – especially once a song, artwork, or other creation becomes widely recognized.

Akerman represents clients in a variety of industries, including music, art, book and magazine publishing, entertainment, Internet, and computer software. We obtain registrations in the United States and throughout the world, guiding clients through licensing, acquisitions, and sales of their work. Our lawyers negotiate agreements for the commercialization of copyrighted works and derivative works, and devise and implement copyright policies.

## What We Do

- Prepare and register copyright applications
- Reclaim copyrights
- Negotiate and manage the sale and acquisition of copyrights
- Litigate copyright issues
- Draft and negotiate licensing and distribution agreements
- Provide analysis and counsel regarding protectability, infringement, fair use, and copyright clearance

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### Related Work

Entertainment  
Franchise and  
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Intellectual Property  
Licensing  
Intellectual Property  
Litigation  
Intellectual Property  
Transactions and Due  
Diligence  
Internet Law  
Trademarks

- Supervise copyright audits for alleged exploited works and settle related claims