Copyright

Whether protecting your copyrights or defending them from infringement claims, it's key to have a trusted, proactive team of advisors who can address complex copyright issues across numerous industries and help achieve your business's goals.

Our Copyright Group's experience and multidisciplinary approach provides comprehensive assistance in a range of areas, including:

- copyright due diligence
- litigating copyright issues
- obtaining copyright registration
- managing copyright portfolios
- copyright protection
- anti-piracy and enforcement
- government copyright policies and legislation

Businesses trust us to protect, leverage and defend their domestic and international copyright interests. We have particular expertise in the following sectors:

- publishing
- media
- software development
- educational institutions
- collective rights organizations

Our team represents clients before the provincial courts, the Federal Courts and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Experience

- A copyright infringement matter against two Italian companies, alleging infringement of nautical charts. The matter ultimately settled, but we successfully defended a motion for summary trial seeking to dismiss the action for lack of standing in the Court of Appeal, with leave to appeal denied by the Supreme Court of Canada.
- Clients in a number of matters, either sending or responding to cease and desist letters relating to alleged infringement of copyright. Most of these have been resolved without going to court.
- A Canadian municipality, where an application was launched against the city for allegedly infringing copyright in a photo. The matter settled.

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