

# Resources for Visual Artists

## Helpful Links

[U.S. Copyright Office](#)

[Electronic Registration page](#)

[Circular 1: Copyright Basics](#)

[Circular 1c: Make Sure Your Application Will Be Acceptable](#)

[Circular 3: Copyright Notice](#)

[Circular 4: Copyright Office Fees](#)

[Circular 9: Works Made For Hire](#)

[Circular 15a: Duration of Copyright](#)

[U.S. Patent and Trademark Office](#)

[Vermont Secretary of State, Trademark Registrations](#)

## Books

Legal Guide for the Visual Artist. Tad Crawford. Allworth Press, NY (2010).

Intellectual Property. Dan Hunter. The Oxford Introductions to U.S. Law (2011).

The Intellectual Property Handbook: A Practical Guide for Franchise, Business and IP Counsel. William A Finkelstein and James R. Sims III, Ed. (2005) American Bar Association, Forum on Franchising, Section of Intellectual Property Law. **Getting Permission: How to License Clear Copyrighted Materials Online** Off. Richard Stim. Nolo. October 2013, 5th Edition.

Many of these books are now available electronically online.

## Online References

[Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for the Visual Arts](#). College Art Association. Feb 2015.

[Fair Use App \[interactive online application\]](#). New Media Rights. July 2015.

["Moral Rights Basics."](#) Betsy Rosenblatt. Harvard Law School (1998).

["Pragmatism, Economics, and the Droit Moral."](#) Thomas Cotter. 76 North Carolina Law Review 1 (1997).

["Waiver of Moral Rights in Visual Artworks."](#) U.S. Copyright Office (Accessed January 2016).

## Resource Organizations

### New York Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

1 East 53rd Street | New York, NY 10022 | 212.319.2787 ext. 1 | Email: [vlany@vlany.org](mailto:vlany@vlany.org)

VLA provides pro bono (no-fee) arts-related legal representation and education to low-income artists and nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. Services include a legal hotline open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 212.319.2787 ext 1. VLA also has an Artists Over Sixty program that provides legal services and education to senior artists to address age-specific legal and business issues.

### Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts

15 Channel Center St #103 | Boston, MA 02210 | 617.350.7600

The Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts provides legal services, advice, and education programming to artists and cultural organizations in Massachusetts. The VLA accomplishes its mission through the work of a panel of nearly 400 attorneys who volunteer their time and services to provide legal counsel, education, and organizational support to the Massachusetts arts community. The VLA provides legal assistance to artists (any discipline) and arts and cultural organizations of all disciplines. In order to obtain legal assistance from the VLA, we request you submit an Application for Legal Assistance and pay an application fee. In order to qualify for free legal assistance, your income must fall below a certain level, determined by the VLA.

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