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


Many of these books are now available electronically online.

Online References


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
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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