



# DOBBIN IP LAW

# US COPYRIGHTS



## Creation

Make something that is artistically visually or audibly appreciable. For example: books, code, movies, musical scores, recorded music, audio drama, choreography, plays, paintings, & sculptures to name a few.

## Copyright

Congratulations! You have a copyright. Mark your work with the © symbol and date to let people know that it is yours.

## Apply for Registration

Now that you have a copyright, it's time to consider registering it with the copyright office so that the world knows that it is yours.

## Examination

After we file your copyright, the copyright office will look at your work and determine if it can grant the copyright registration. The current waiting period is about 8 months.

## Registration

Congratulations! You have a registered copyright. You are assumed to be the author and can now sue an infringer. It will last for the rest of your life plus 70 years.