

OUR PRACTICE

Copyright Litigation

With our deep roots in Memphis and Nashville, the respective hometowns of the blues and country music, Baker Donelson's intellectual property litigation attorneys naturally have a great deal of experience in music-related copyright infringement. In these often high-stakes cases, we have prosecuted and defended numerous actions, including a recent defense of an alleged infringer that reduced the potential exposure by more than \$100 million.

Our copyright infringement experience, however, is not limited to music. For example, we have handled cases involving wrongful reproduction and distribution of photographs for a major appliance manufacturer, an Apple® accessory manufacturer and several home goods distributors. We have handled numerous cases involving unauthorized copying of computer source code. We have also represented clients in cases involving others illegally copying our clients' product packaging and websites.

When litigation cannot be avoided or resolved, Baker Donelson's intellectual property litigation attorneys are well-versed in assertion and defense strategies. From the initial claim and throughout the process, including prosecuting or defending against temporary restraining orders or preliminary injunctions, our intellectual property litigation attorneys have extensive knowledge and hands-on experience gained from handling cases involving copyright infringement throughout the United States.



Representative Matters

- Represented the world's largest cheerleading and dance company in trademark, copyright and proprietary information litigation matters.
- Handled trademark and copyright infringement claims for a nationally-known real estate educator.
- Advised builders on copyright issues relating to architectural plans, defended and prosecuted copyright infringement claims relating to architectural plans.
- Negotiated favorable settlement on behalf of a client accused of field employees' multiple copyright infringements via peer-to-peer (BitTorrent) sharing of a movie file.
- Represented photographer in a copyright infringement lawsuit that resulted in early favorable settlement.
- Obtained reversal of district court in copyright infringement lawsuit, setting the standard for conceptual separability in the circuit.