

Creative artists have been relatively free to reference and expand upon the works of others under the Fair Use doctrine of copyright law. Under Fair Use, they have enjoyed an environment that has supported the unrestricted flow of new ideas, criticism, commentary, interpretation, and analysis. However, the Internet and digital media make access to original works much easier, and more frequently bring writers, rappers, filmmakers, critics, and other artists into direct conflict with those who wish to impose copyright rule beyond the legal intent. Today an increasing number of frivolous cease and desist letters and intellectual property lawsuits are stifling independent voices with threats of costly actions and judgments.

The Right to Write Fund was founded to halt this escalating legal assault. The Fund provides an on-line clearinghouse of educational materials, legal briefs, and issue analyses related to Fair Use. The Fund also has a roster of pro bono legal defense teams who have been successful against intimidating Fair Use challenges. The Right to Write Fund's Board, staff, and volunteers are committed to ensuring that the paths to free speech are unobstructed and that our rich heritage of artistic expression continues uninhibited.

Join us in support of Right to Write's aid of creative artists and its new national clearinghouse and resource center. You can make a tax-deductible donation to this activity by writing a check to the fund's fiscal sponsor, the Center for Ethics in Action, a public nonprofit 501(C)(3).

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THE RIGHT TO WRITE FUND

Defending Creativity



Through an easily accessed print and online clearinghouse, educational programs, litigation prevention and, when necessary, pro bono legal support, Right to Write is focused on reversing the tide of groundless lawsuits and harassment by powerful copyright holders trying to subvert the Fair Use section of the copyright law.

With the guidance of experienced and ethical legal talent and cooperating attorneys from major American law schools, creative artists will be better able to protect themselves.

The Right to Write Clearinghouse

The Right to Write Fund was formed to be an educational repository and clearinghouse for the 21st-century freedom of expression and Fair Use issues writers and publishers encounter when moving between the worlds of print, Internet, film, the fine arts, and new media. The Fund will collect and disseminate legal briefs, facts and analyses as well as literary and media accounts of copyright, trademark and other intellectual property statutes in order to define First Amendment rights in a technological age.

Right to Write Legal Defense

The Right to Write Fund has helped defend a small Michigan publisher against plaintiffs J.K. Rowling and Warner Bros. Entertainment who sought to prohibit publication of a Lexicon offering valuable far-reaching analyses of the Harry Potter novels. Right to Write will make a critical difference in similar First Amendment cases by arranging pro bono defense teams to combat cease and desist letters and lawsuits.



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