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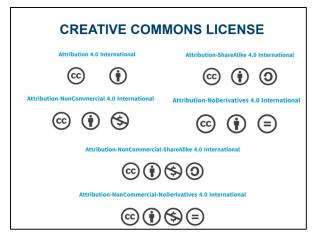
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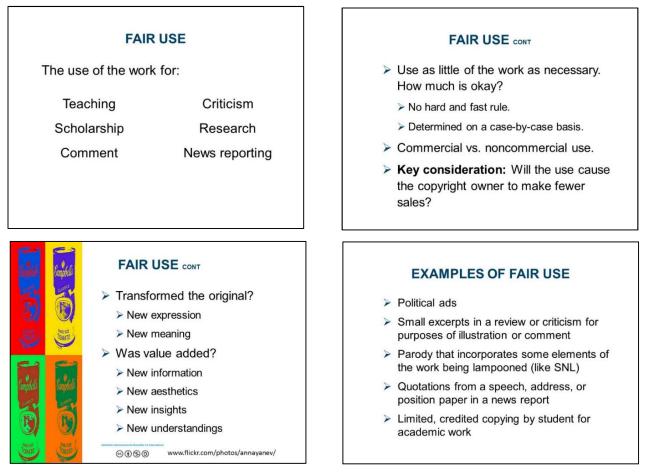
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- Small amount of material copied
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Copyright Resources

- United States Copyright Office www.copyright.gov
- Register a Copyright www.copyright.gov/eco
- Kathleen Kuznicki, Esq, Patent Attorney lynchlaw-group.com/attorney/kathleen-kuznicki

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More on Copyrights

ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHTS

- Licensing or Ownership
- > In writing
- Should assign using the phrase
 - All Title, Rights, and Interest
- > Expect to pay more for the assignment
 - Graphic designer giving up their rights to use again or to make a derivative work

RESPOND TO INFRINGEMENT

- "Cease and desist"
 - You or your lawyer send
- Beyond that Business Decision

Trademarks - A word, phrase, symbol, and/or design that identifies and distinguishes the source of goods and services.

- usually represent names of businesses and their associated logos
- can include taglines, slogans, product shapes, sounds, smells, and colors

TRADEMARK

- Informs people you have federally registered
 red
 red
- ™ informs people you have begun identifying goods and services with your mark.

USE OF OTHERS' TRADEMARKS

- Identify product
- Parody
- Refrain from Appearance of
 - Endorsement
 - Affiliation

STANDARD FOR REJECTION OR INFRINGEMENT (LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION)

- > Are other marks similar in appearance, sound, or meaning?
- Are the goods or services similar? Do they compete?
- Are goods or services are so closely related that they're marketed in a similar manner?
- Is there intent to trick consumers in order to "cash in" on someone else's goodwill?
- How expensive is the product? How sophisticated are consumers? How careful are they when purchasing?
- > Do customer bases overlap?
- Has there been any actual confusion?

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