

## Copyright Law Mindmap

<https://cyber.harvard.edu/people/tfisher/Copyright.html>

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Librarians often find themselves answering in-depth questions about copyright law with little to no formal legal training. Opportunities for professional development in copyright law, such as CopyrightX or a MOOC for Educators and Librarians on Copyright Law, are fantastic resources, but they require a significant time commitment for non-specialist librarians. William W. Fisher, WilmerHale Professor of Intellectual Property Law at Harvard University, Faculty Director of the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, and creator and supervisor of the CopyrightX courses, has developed several mindmaps to facilitate learning intellectual property law. Fisher's Mindmap on Copyright Law is especially useful for librarians who need a deeper understanding of copyright or who need to brush up on specific aspects of copyright law.

A mindmap is a visual representation of complex information. Fisher's Copyright Mindmap, built using Mindjet's MindManager®, employs a simple interface with intuitive controls that allow users to easily find information. His mindmap is divided into six top-level categories - International Framework, What is Protected, Ownership, Entitlements, Supplements, and Remedies - that enable readers to pinpoint which category best suits their needs. Each category has several sub-categories indicated by clickable numbers with each number representing the amount of sub-categories present. As categories are expanded by clicking the number next to each listing, the reader can quickly scroll to the subjects of interest. The clear organizational

structure of Fisher's Mindmap produces digestible chunks of information, and child categories are utilized to present supporting laws and legal cases.

While structured in an accessible format, some contents of Fisher's Mindmap, such as the Supplements and Remedies section, may be too advanced for non-specialist librarians seeking a concise introduction to copyright law. Regardless, Fisher's Mindmap provides an introduction to higher level copyright law without the time commitment of a structured class, allowing librarians to learn advanced concepts at their own pace.

**In Short:** Novices and experts alike will find Fisher's Copyright Law Mindmap useful for exploring and learning copyright law. Its simple and intuitive interface, easily-digestible chunks of information, and citations to specific laws and cases provide a low-barrier method for developing substantive familiarity with copyright law.

***Recommended.***