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Copyright Litigation

Our team handles copyright disputes across a wide range of industry sectors including the education, social media and entertainment industries.

We work with clients in developing a tailored litigation strategy to suit the unique circumstances of each individual case.

Our extensive experience in copyright disputes coupled with our ability to understand and incorporate our clients' business interests set our practice apart.

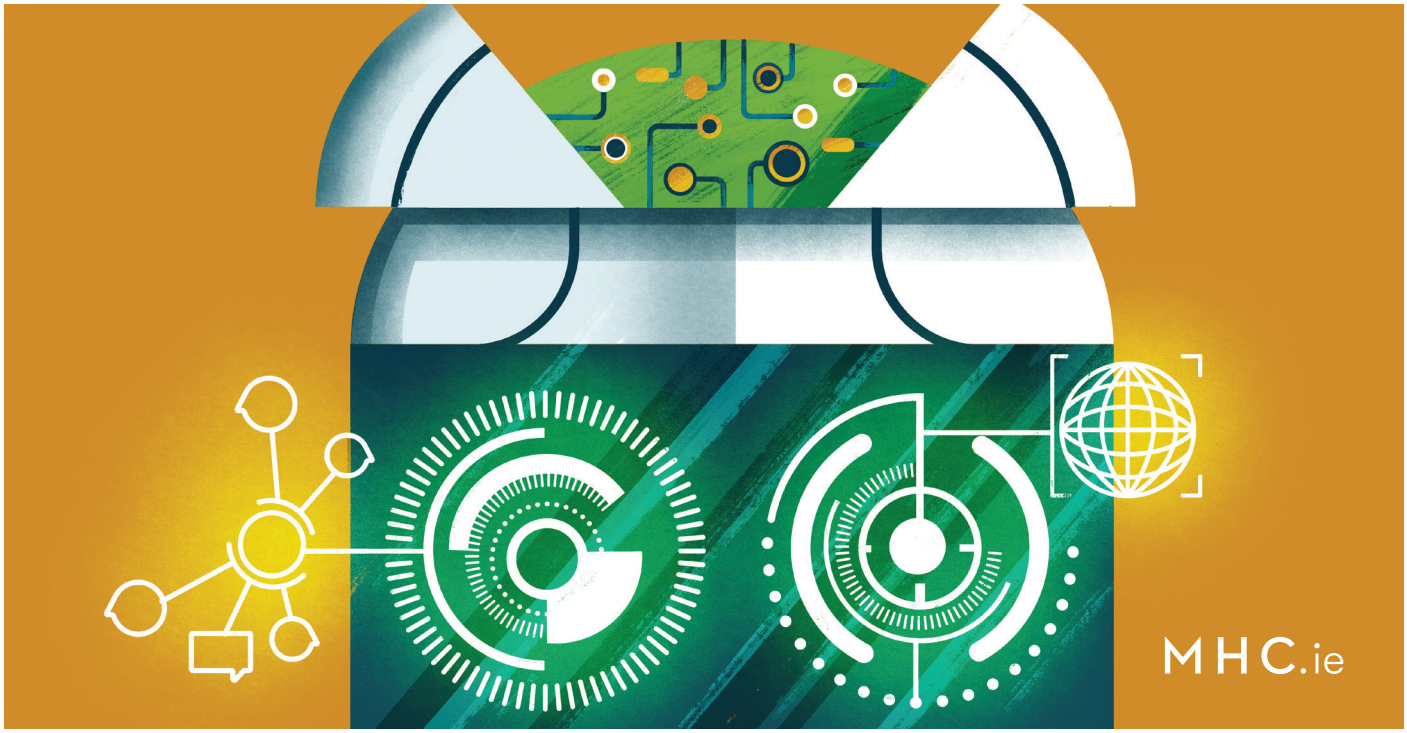
We regularly advise clients on copyright matters with a particular emphasis on online copyright disputes and intermediary liability issues.

We are involved in the majority of High Court copyright cases to come before the Irish courts in recent years.

Our team is a leading and trusted advisor to a wide variety of multinationals and indigenous companies and enjoys long-standing relationships with international colleagues.

Our Expertise

- Copyright advice
- Pre-litigation strategy and assessment
- Copyright infringement proceedings
- Transactional copyright work including due diligence
- Assignments and licencing



Our Experience

Our highlight cases include:

- *Long v Rice:* Advising internationally renowned musician **Damien Rice** and **Damien Rice Music Limited** in copyright related proceedings
- *RTE v Virgin Media:* Acted for **Virgin Media** in the defence of Commercial Court proceedings taken by RTE concerning out of home streaming of broadcasting content
- *Motion Picture Association v Three Ireland (Hutchison) Ltd and Virgin Media:* Represented **Three Mobile** and **Virgin Media** in a number of applications seeking website blocking orders brought by members of the Motion Picture Association
- *Ryanair DAC v Momondo:* Advising **Momondo** in the defence of copyright infringement proceedings brought by Ryanair DAC
- *Sony Music v UPC Communications Ireland Ltd:* Advising **Virgin Media** on the implementation of a graduated response scheme (GRS) or "three strike system" which has been imposed by the Irish Commercial Court in recent years in an effort to curtail online copyright infringement by ISP subscribers
- *Hogan v Inland Fisheries Ireland:* Advised **Inland Fisheries Ireland** in the defence of proceedings relating to the use of footage in a promotional video.

About Us

We are a business law firm with 90 partners and offices in Dublin, London, New York and San Francisco.

Our advice comes from our renowned expertise, honed by our practical experience. We tailor our advice to our clients' business and strategic objectives, giving them clear recommendations. This allows clients to make good, informed decisions and to anticipate and successfully navigate even the most complex matters.

Our working style is versatile and collaborative, creating a shared perspective with clients so that legal solutions are developed together. Our service is award-winning and innovative. This approach is how we make a valuable and practical contribution to each client's objectives.

What Others Say About Us

Copyright
Firm of the Year – Ireland

Trademark Contentious
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Managing Intellectual Property

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Our Copyright Litigation Team

"very responsive, with a very practical and thorough application of advice to our business"

Chambers & Partners, 2019

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