

# **US Navy Responds to Copyright Infringement Suit Filed by Bitmanagement Software**

Bitmanagement Software GmbH has filed suit against the US Navy alleging willful copyright infringement of its 3D virtual reality software "BS Contact Geo" and demanding \$600 million in damages. The Silicon Valley Software Law Blog discussed this and the issues likely involved in the dispute in the following blogpost:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/us-navy-responds-to-copyright-infringement-suit-filed-by-bitmanagement-software/>

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## **The Prinz Law Office Launches New Copyright Law Meetup Group**

The Prinz Law Office has launched a new copyright law meetup group in conjunction with the High Tech Section of the Santa Clara County Bar Association, as is further discussed in the link below:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/the-prinz-law-office-launches-new-copyright-law-meetup-group/>

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# Congress Considers Copyright Reform Bill

Copyright reform is back on the table in Congress, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog discussed in its recent blogpost:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/copyright-reform-on-the-table-in-congress-songwriter-equity-act-of-2015-introduced-in-the-house-of-representatives/>.

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## Lessons from the Copyright Infringement Verdict Against Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams

The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog recently looked at the copyright infringement verdict against Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams and explored some of the lessons to be taken away from the verdict in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/lessons-from-the-copyright-infringement-verdict-against-robin-thicke-and-pharrell-williams/>

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# **Getty Images Copyright Dispute Against Microsoft to Challenge Legality of Recently Released Widget**

Getty Images recently initiated litigation against Microsoft, alleging that its new widget was resulting in the infringement of its copyrights, as was further discussed by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in its recent blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/getty-images-copyright-dispute-against-microsoft-to-challenge-legality-of-recently-released-widget/>

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# **Landmark Copyright Verdict Against Media Companies**

Freelance photographer Daniel Morel was recently awarded a \$1.2 million damage verdict against Agence France-Presse ("AFP") and Getty Images after it was found that they willfully infringed Mr. Morel's photos of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog discussed this case in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/landmark-copyright-verdict-against-media-companies-serves-as-cautionary-tale-to->

## **Supreme Court to Hear Streaming TV Case**

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the Aereo streaming TV case, as is further discussed by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/supreme-court-to-hear-streaming-tv-over-the-internet-case/>

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## **Google Settles with Book Publishers in Copyright Infringement Dispute**

Google has reached a settlement with several major American publishing companies, including but not limited to McGraw-Hill, Pearson Education and Penguin, John Wiley & Sons and Simon & Schuster in a copyright infringement case challenging Google's decision to scan the book collections of many major universities. The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog looks at this case in a recent blog post linked below:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/google-reaches-sett>

## **Copyright Office Seeking Comments to Proposed Change in Small Claims Remedies**

Should there be small claims remedies to copyright infringement? Congress has asked the Copyright Office to conduct a study on this issue, as is further discussed by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in a recent blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/copyright-office-seeking-comments-on-possible-change-to-small-claims-remedies/>

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## **Google to Factor DMCA Notices into Website Ranking**

Google has announced that it will now be factoring the number of “valid” DMCA notices that it receives on a particular website into how it ranks that website in its search results, as is further discussed by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/google-announces-controversial-decision-to-factor-2/>

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# **SOPA Blackout Protesters Succeed in Tabling SOPA and PIPA Bills**

SOPA Blackout protesters have succeeded in having tabling SOPA and its companion bill PIPA, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog discussed in the following blog post:

[\*\*http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/sopa-blackout-protesters-succeed-in-tabling-sopa-and-pipa-bills/\*\*](http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/sopa-blackout-protesters-succeed-in-tabling-sopa-and-pipa-bills/)

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# **Silicon Valley Prepares for the SOPA Blackout Day Observance**

Silicon Valley is preparing for the observance of SOPA Blackout Day, in which websites are to go black for at least twelve hours, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explains in the following blog post:

[\*\*http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/silicon-valley-sopa-blackout-day/\*\*](http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/silicon-valley-sopa-blackout-day/)

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# Most Early-Stage Development Projects Overlook the Need to Procure a Copyright Assignment

If you are like most early stage software companies, you will complete your next development project without ever asking for or procuring a copyright assignment. The Silicon Valley Software Law Blog explored this issue in the blog post linked below:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/copyright-assignments-overlooked-in-most-development-projects>

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## Don't Forget the Copyright Assignment

One of the most common mistakes business owners and entrepreneurs make when they hire someone to create something for their business is that they fail to obtain a copyright assignment from the person hired, which is a problem as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explained in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/hiring-a-third-part>

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## **Copyright Office Issues Response to Backlog Reports**

The Copyright Office has responded to claims that the Copyright Office has been experiencing a backlog, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog reported in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/copyright-office-issues-response-to-backlog-reports/>

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## **Copyright Office Announces Fee Increases**

The Copyright Office has announced the adoption of new fees, as was reported by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/copyright-office-announces-fee-increases-effective-august-1-2009/>

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# Copyright Infringement on the Web No Longer Limited to the Entertainment Industry

Have you run searches lately on the Internet to verify that none of your company's works have been infringed? If you were to run such a search, you are likely to find infringement on the Internet, according to this blog posting by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog linked below:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/copyright-infringement-on-the-internet-problem-is-no-longer-confined-to-entertainment-industry/>.

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## Anticipating Likely Copyright Battle, Amazon Backs Down Over Kindle 2 Audio Feature

Is the Kindle 2 audiobook text-to-speech feature infringing book author copyrights? The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explored the controversy and Amazon's attempt at resolving the issue in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/anticipating-likely-copyright-battle-amazon-backs-down-over-kindle-2-audio-feature/>

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# **Associated Press Alleging Artist Stephen Fairey Infringed President Obama Photograph**

Did artist Stephen Fairey infringe a photograph of President Obama? The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explored the allegations and controversy in the following blog post linked below:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/associated-press-alleging-artist-stephen-fairey-infringed-president-obama-photograph/>

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# **Copyright Reform: Is it Time to Take Patent Reform Off the Table and Work on Copyright Reform?**

The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog looked at this issue of whether copyright reform rather than patent reform should be on the table, and if so, why, in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/copyright-reform-is-it-time-to-take-patent-reform-off-the-table-and-work-on->

## **Corporate Designs: Does Your Business Really Have the Rights to its Designs?**

Think your business doesn't have any IP to protect? If your business is like most, you may have unprotected design work, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explains in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/corporate-designs-does-your-business-really-have-the-rights-to-its-designs/>

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## **Yahoo Music to Shut Down Service, Issue Refunds to Customers**

Yahoo Music has advised its customers that it will be shutting down its digital rights management services and issuing refunds to customers, as reported by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/yahoo-music-to-shut-down-service-issue-refunds-to-customers/>

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# **Silicon Valley Lawyer Kristie Prinz to speak on Copyrights: Lessons and Practice Tips from Recent Cases**

Silicon Valley Lawyer Kristie Prinz will speak on copyright law on April 5, 2004 at the San Francisco Downtown Courtyard by Marriott

*Developing, Protecting, and Exploiting Software Conference* sponsored by Law Seminars International. Please [click here](#) to view the PowerPoint presentation.