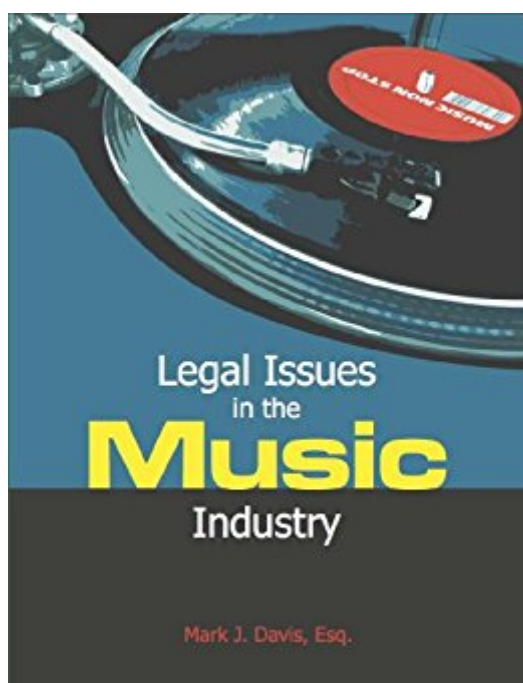


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# Legal Issues In The Music Industry



## Synopsis

Do you know the answers to these questions? (You had better, if you want to survive in the music business.)

- What is copyright?
- What can I copyright?
- What rights do I have? For how long?
- Why will a "Poor Man's Copyright" keep me poor?
- Can I sell my copyright? Give it to my kids?
- What is infringement?
- What is "Fair Use"? (HINT: it's not what you think it is)
- How do songwriters get paid?
- What does a music publisher do? Do I need one?
- Who are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC?
- My song was played on the radio "where's my money?"
- How do cover songs work?
- What's the difference between a parody and infringement?
- What's important in a record deal?
- My band is putting out our own album, what do we need to do?
- What do all those legal terms mean?
- How do recording artists get paid?
- What do you mean I owe the record label money?
- Am I recouped yet?

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