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Copyright Registration, Notice, Duration, and the Public Domain

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These are actually useful strategies for real-life lawyering — for dry agency material like this and also for statutes.

Stepping back and getting real about this material ...

- In places there is a real blizzard of information—the material on formalities and duration especially so. No, I don't expect you to memorize it.
- Let me give you a little guidance to focus your learning. A few big, important things you should aim to commit to memory (so that you could get a closed-book multiple-choice question). For more fine-grained content, the really detailed stuff, you should be able to use your book to find the answer (such that you could do that for an open-book essay question).
- This slideshow is intended to help set some expectations in that regard.

So let's try some hypos ...

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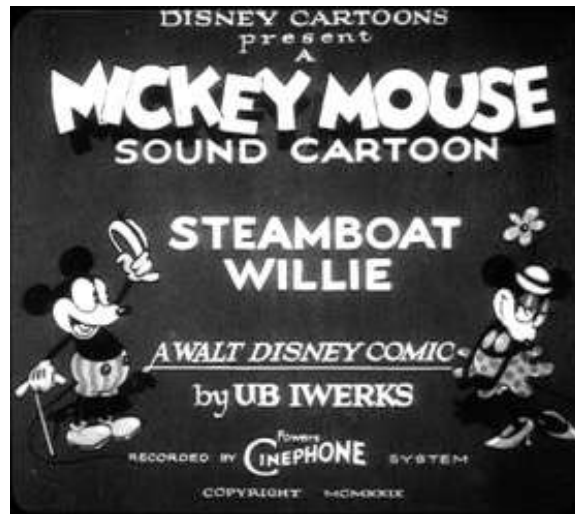
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Under the 1909 act, copyright didn't attach without proper notice. (But would you tangle with Disney about this?)



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