

2018 Copyright and IP for Comic Conventions

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Friday Afternoon, Feb. 16, 2018

1:00 pm
1.00 hr

Copyrighting My Style

In March 2017, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that certain articles of clothing can obtain copyright protection. This was the *Varsity* case. This ruling seems at odds with the previous laws of the land in which utility articles, like clothing, could not get copyright protection. Join us as we discuss the impact of *Varsity* in areas such as fashion, cosplay, and daily wear clothing items.

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2:00 pm

Break

2:30 pm
1.00 hr

Convention Conduct

Comic conventions are big industry in the United States. Many conventions have well over 125,000 attendees in one weekend, at one location. However the law does not excuse illegal conduct, even if you are dressed like Darth Vader. Review the current legal issues concerning harassment, copyright, and trademark infringement, as well as the recent California ruling in the *San Diego Comicon vs. Salt Lake City Comicon* case.

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3:30 pm

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