

Intellectual Property Rights Explained

Intellectual property starts differently, is protected differently, and creates different types of rights.



Authors



Copyright

The right to copy

Others do not have the right to reproduce your work without your permission.



Inventors



Patent

The right to exclude

Others cannot make, use or sell your invention without your permission.



Businesses



Trademark

 Common Law Rights

 Registration Rights

Others cannot use confusingly similar trademarks for the same or similar goods and services. Think “sight, sound, and meaning.”