US Copyright Office

Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works

To whom it may concern:

I have been an artist for over 30 years, have displayed and sold my artwork through numerous art shows and through a co—owned gallery in Laguna Beach California, and have completed many commissioned works. I am a signature member of the National Watercolor Society.

Copyright law is very important to me as it is the basis of protecting my artwork in the business environment in which I work. Compromising or dissolving this protection would create a serious impediment to my artistic livelihood by removing my control over my creative works and my choice of determining voluntarily how and by whom my artwork is used.

Everything that I create is part of my business inventory which is the only asset that I can truly depend on. My artwork does not lose value upon publication but, instead, enhances my creative value.

It is very important that copyright protection for my artwork be retained and not permitted to become part of the public domain.

Sincerely,

Joan Clark