**9.12 Copyright – Ownership – General Charge**

Now that I’ve explained validity, we’ll move to the issue of ownership.

[Name of plaintiff] must prove ownership of a copyright in [title of the asserted work] by a preponderance of the evidence. [Name of plaintiff] can prove ownership by evidence showing that [he/she/it]:

• is an author (or creator) of the work [and didn’t transfer to another the exclusive rights being asserted], or

• acquired legal ownership by transfer of the copyright in the exclusive right[s] [name of defendant] allegedly infringed.