**COPYRIGHT**

**Preliminary Instructions**

**1.6.2:** Overview of Copyrights

(Read Before Opening at Court’s Discretion)

In this case, [name of plaintiff(s)] claims ownership of a copyright in a [literary work, musical work, dramatic work, pantomime, choreographic work, pictorial work, graphic work, sculptural work, motion picture, audiovisual work, sound recording, architectural work] titled [title of Plaintiff’s work], and claims [name of defendant(s)] has infringed the asserted copyright by [reproducing or copying, distributing copies of, preparing derivative works based on, performing and displaying] the work without authorization. [Name of defendant(s)] denies infringing the asserted copyright, [claims that [name of plaintiff(s)] does not own a valid copyright], and asserts other defenses which I will describe later.