

## Copyright and Technology Timeline

**1710 Statute of Anne**, considered the first copyright law, created to govern the right to print books.

**1865 Photographs** added to protected works.

**1912 Motion pictures** added to classes of protected works.

**1980** Copyright law amended regarding **computer programs**.

**1984 Record Rental Amendments Act** gives the right to authorize or prohibit the rental, lease, or lending of phonorecords to the copyholder of the sound recording.

**1984 Semiconductor Chip Protection Act** protects the three-dimensional pattern or typography of a semiconductor chip.

**1990 Computer Software Rental Amendments Act** grants the exclusive right to authorize or prohibit the rental, lease, or lending of computer programs to the copyright owner.

**1992 Digital Audio Home Recording Act** requires copy management systems in digital audio recorders, imposes royalties on sale of digital audio recording devices and media, and clarifies legality of home taping of sound recordings for private noncommercial use.

**1997 The No Electronic Theft Act** makes it illegal for people to copy and share software over the Internet, even if they don't profit from it.

**1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Law** limits liability for online providers in certain cases of copyright infringement by their users, addresses Webcasting of sound recordings on the Internet, and allows owners to make a copy of computer programs for maintenance purposes.

**2002 The Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act** provides for the use of copyrighted works by accredited nonprofit educational institutions in distance education.

\* Information adapted from United States Copyright Office  
A Brief Introduction and History (<http://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ1a.html>)