The framers of the Constitution established copyright as the principal legal tool for ensuring that creators have first and primary rights to exploit their works. Every year in its Annual Report the Copyright Office highlights its general activity and evaluates the health of copyright as a legal concept. Each report is an account not only of Copyright Office projects, but of legislation, litigation, and international developments.

The Annual Report of the Register of Copyrights 1983 looks at new technologies and their effects on the rights of authors and other creators. The manufacturing clause, off-air home video and audio recording, copying for educational purposes, federal statutory protection for mask works fixed in semiconductor chips, and international broadcast piracy are other topics of interest in the 1983 Report.


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