

# **COPYRIGHT IN MEXICO**

#### Type of Works to be registered:

- 🕈 Music
- 🕈 Books
- 🕈 Paintings
- 5 Sculptures
- 🕈 Films

- **\*** Computer programs
- 🕈 Databases
- Advertisements
- 🕈 Maps
- 🏷 Drawings

### Data for filing a copyright application:

- ✓ Authors and applicant information:
  - o Name
  - Nationality
  - Address (street, number, city, country and zip code)
- ✓ Short description of the Work
- ✓ Disclosure date

## Documents required for filing a new application

- ✓ Power of Attorney. Neither legalization nor certification is required.
- ✓ 2 examples of the Work (photography, CD, samples).
- ✓ Co-ownership agreement, in case of there are two or more authors.
- ✓ Copyright Agreement (if any).

#### Legal Life

Mexican Copyright Law provides protection to the Artistic and Literary Works during all author's life plus 100 years after his/her death date.

## **Copyright Contract**

Copyright contracts have to be recorded in order to take effects before third parties and to resolve conflicts between the Parties easier.



#### **Copyright Infringement**

To start an infringement Copyright lawsuit, it is necessary that the Work was previously registered at the Mexican Copyright Registry.

#### **Reservation of Rights of Exclusive Use**

A Mexican legal figure to recognize rights on:

- **Artistic Names.** Granted for five (5) years and renewable for equal terms.
- **Characters.** Granted for five (5) years and renewable for equal terms.
- **Names of Radio and TV Shows.** Granted for five (5) years and renewable for equal terms.
- **Names of Magazines and Publications.** Granted for one (1) year and renewable for equal terms.

For renewal purposes, it is necessary to prove the effective use in Mexico.