

Copyright Law

Unit – I

Historical Development of Copyright – nature & scope of copyright protection – Items covered under copyright and the test of originality – Idea and expression dichotomy in copyright law. Doctrine of Merger – Copyright a statutory right – registration mandatory or not procedure followed.

Unit – II

Ownership and assignment of rights – First owner, Joint owner, rights of the owner – moral rights of author – Employer and employee relationship and transfer of ownership – assignment of rights, licensing of rights – Term of copyright.

Unit – III

Infringement of copyright – Principles for deciding infringement of copyright – Factors involved in determination of infringement – acts that are not infringement – statutory exception – fair use – secondary infringement.

Unit – IV

Copyright – civil, criminal and Administrative approaches and enforceability – collecting societies – nature and function.

Unit – V

Challenges – Protection of computer programme under copyright – rights given to the authors and protection in the context of digital technology – Data base protection.

Reference Book:

1. Nimmer On Copyright - David Nimmer
2. International Copyright Law And Practice - David Nimmer
3. Sacred Text, Technology And Dmca - David Nimmer
4. "Fair use, Free use and use by Permission: how to handle Copyright in all Media" -Lee Wilson, Newyork: Alworth press
5. Technology and copyright law" - Arlene bielefield
