I am a visual artist and have been for over 30 years. I have an MFA in drawing and painting from LA Tech University, Ruston, LA. To my credit, I have won many competitions and received many awards for my artwork. For me, copyright law is not an abstract legal issue. It is the very basis upon which my business rests. My copyrights are the products that I license. Infringing upon my right to my own artwork is like stealing my money. It is extremely important that I be able to determine how and by whom my work is used. My artwork does not lose its value upon publication. Everything that I create becomes part of my inventory. In this digital age, inventory and the right of copyright is more valuable and important to me as an artist, to all artists, than ever before.