CopyrightX Lecture 5: Authorship

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Facts of Thomson

- Broadway producers
- Greif
- Nicola
- NYTWT
- Aronson
- Larson
- Thomson
- Larson heirs

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- $10,000
- $2000

"dramaturgical assistance"
Wordsworth, “Essay, Supplementary to the Preface” (1815)

“Of genius the only proof is, the act of doing well what is worthy to be done, and what was never done before: Of genius in the fine arts, the only infallible sign is the widening the sphere of human sensibility, for the delight, honor, and benefit of human nature. Genius is the introduction of a new element into the intellectual universe: or, if that be not allowed, it is the application of powers to objects on which they had not before been exercised, or the employment of them in such a manner as to produce effects hitherto unknown.”

CCNV Factors

- Hiring party’s right to control → CCNV controls
- Skill required → Reid is sculptor
- Source of the tools → Reid has own tools
- Location of the labor → Reid uses own workshop
- Duration of the relationship → 2 months
- Right to assign additional projects → no right to assign more work
- Control over hours of work → no control
- Method of payment → flat sum
- Right to hire assistants → Reid had total discretion
- Business of the hiring party → CCNV is not in sculpture business
- Employee benefits
- Tax treatment → no payroll or SS taxes

Red = favors “employee”; blue = favors “employer”
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Aymes v. Bonelli (CA2 1992) gloss