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Music and Copyright: How the Supreme Court Struck the Right Note in Robinson (Even if its Timing was a Little Off!)

May 14, 2014 by [Carys Craig](#) and [Guillaume Laroche](#)

In the recent case of [Cinar Corporation v Robinson](#), the Supreme Court of Canada considered the scope of copyright in a children's television show. The defendants' show, Robinson Sucroë, was, frankly, so similar in its essential elements to that developed by plaintiff Claude Robinson that few people, if any, were surprised by the Court's finding of infringement. More surprising was that the Court took the opportunity to make, in passing, some important and groundbreaking pronouncements about the proper approach to establishing infringement—of musical works. This aspect of the judgment, in our opinion, struck exactly the right note. Unfortunately the timing was a little off; the judgment was released only a day or two after our recent chapter, [Out of Tune: Why Copyright Law Needs Music Lessons](#), was sent to the presses. In this post, we take the opportunity to reflect on how the Court's statement in Robinson bears on the arguments we advanced in the chapter. We like to think that our chapter, together with the passage in Robinson, strikes a consonant—if arpeggiated—chord.

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Will Amazon Get Burned for Playing with Fyre?

May 16, 2014 by [Jaimie Franks](#)



Has [Amazon](#), the hero of online shopping and home of the Kindle, become the newest provider of pay-per-view porn? According to WREAL, the company behind the adult entertainment streaming device and website FyreTV®, this is just a taste of the confusion apparently created by the launch of Amazon's similarly named Fire TV. Consequently, attorneys on behalf of WREAL submitted an official [complaint](#) against Amazon for trade-mark infringement.



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Privacy Rights Out of Focus as Colorado Court Zooms in on First Amendment

May 22, 2014 by [Sabrina Ding](#)

In [Kristina Hill, Brian Edwards and Thomas Privitere v Public Advocate of the United States](#), a homosexual couple who had posted an [engagement photo](#) on their blog were devastated to discover that the image had been used in [two political](#) advertisements that opposed same-sex marriage. After realizing the advertisements had been sent to several thousand people without their permission, the couple asserted both a copyright infringement and unlawful appropriation of name and likeness claim. The defendants argued that their unauthorized use of the photo was justified under the [First Amendment](#) and, to the couple's dismay, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado agreed.

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