

# Intellectual Property Initial Questions

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## Roadmap:

- What is intellectual property?
  - The kinds of IP
  - Comparisons
  - The label
- Why is IP law necessary?
- How did IP law come to be?

What is  
intellectual  
property?

# the kinds of IP

What is  
“intellectual property”?

Copyrights  
Trademarks  
Patents  
Trade Secrets  
Rights of Publicity





©  
Copyright

## Copyright

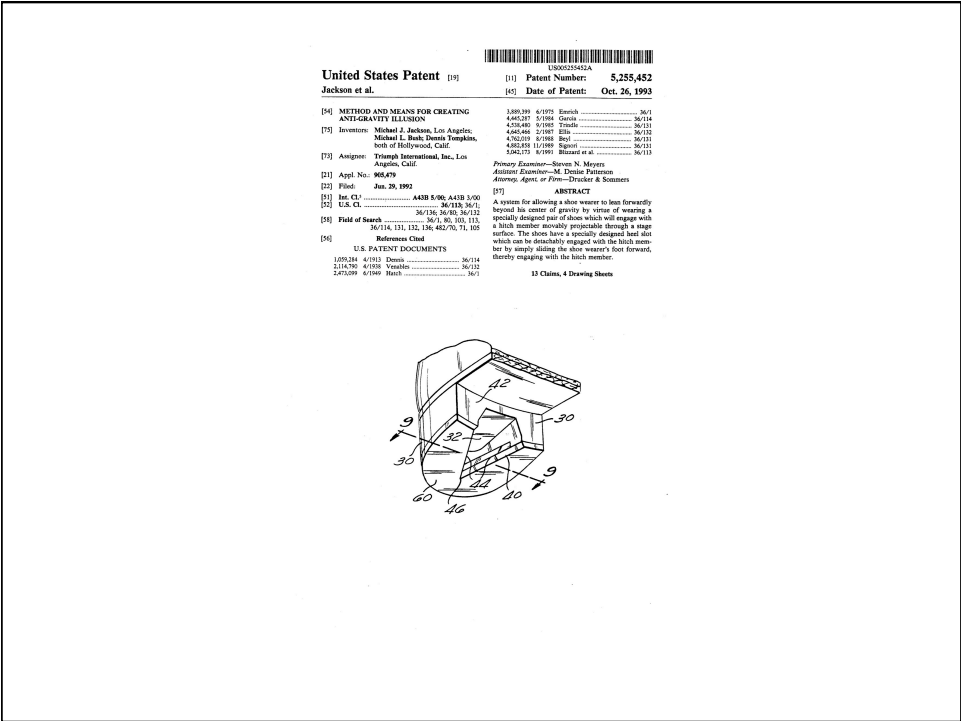
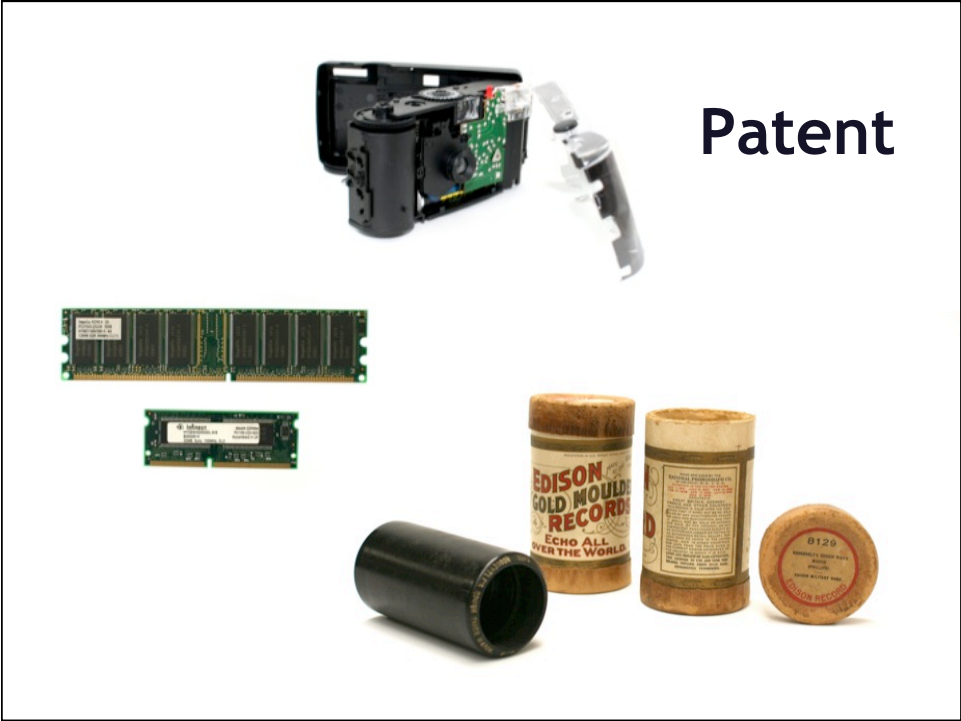
- Books
- Poems
- Movies
- Computer software
- Photographs
- Paintings
- Sculptures

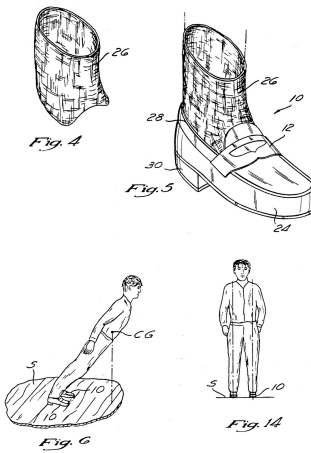
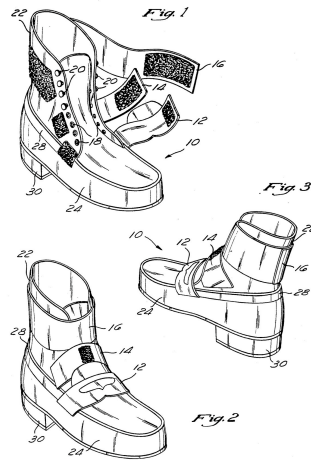
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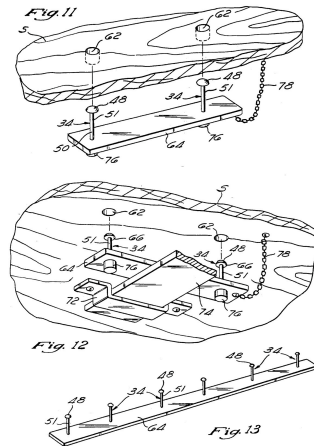
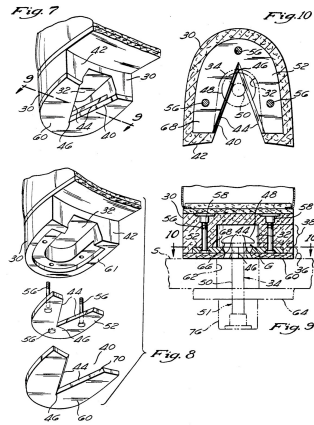
- original works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression from which they can be perceived, either directly or with the aid of a machine

**PAT.**

**Patent**



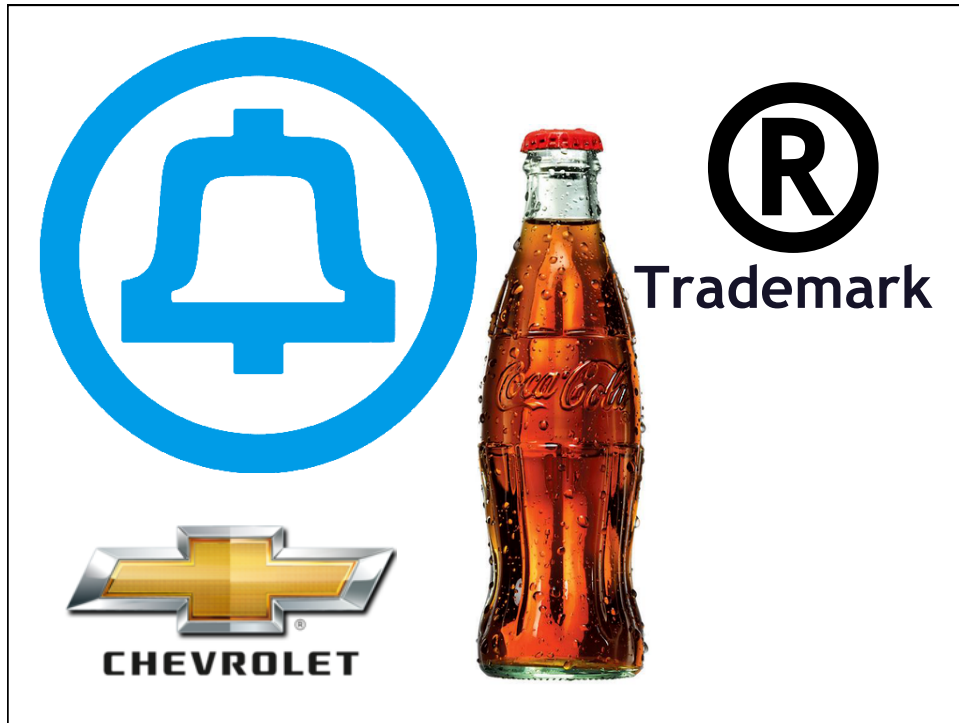




# **Trade Secrets**



# **Trademark**



**source**



# Right of Publicity



# You

own intellectual  
property

# Comparisons

## What is protected?

©	Expression (text, images, recordings)
Pat.	Inventions (manmade)
TM	Indications of commercial source
Trade Secret	Transferrable commercial secrets
Right of Publicity	Indications of personal identity

## What does it take to get it?

©	Fixation (immediate)
Pat.	Application, gov' t review
TM	Use in commerce, creating meaning
Trade Secret	<i>Nothing</i>
Right of Publicity	<i>Nothing</i> (fame, some places)

## What does it take to keep it?

©	Nothing
Pat.	Payment of maintenance fees
TM	Continued use in business
Trade Secret	Keeping it secret
Right of Publicity	Nothing

## How long does it last?

©	about 100 years
Pat.	about 20 years
TM	forever (if used)
Trade Secret	forever (if kept secret)
Right of Publicity	life + extra sometimes

## How is it lost?

©	<i>Very difficult</i>
Pat.	Unpaid fees; successful challenge
TM	Failure to keep exclusive control
Trade Secret	The secret gets out
Right of Publicity	<i>Very difficult</i>

## Defenses

©	Fair use
Pat.	Invalidity ( <i>otherwise, not much</i> )
TM	Non-trademark uses, fair uses
Trade Secret	Reverse engineering
Right of Publicity	News, free speech, non-commercial

# the LABEL

What is  
“intellectual property”?

Is it  
“property”?

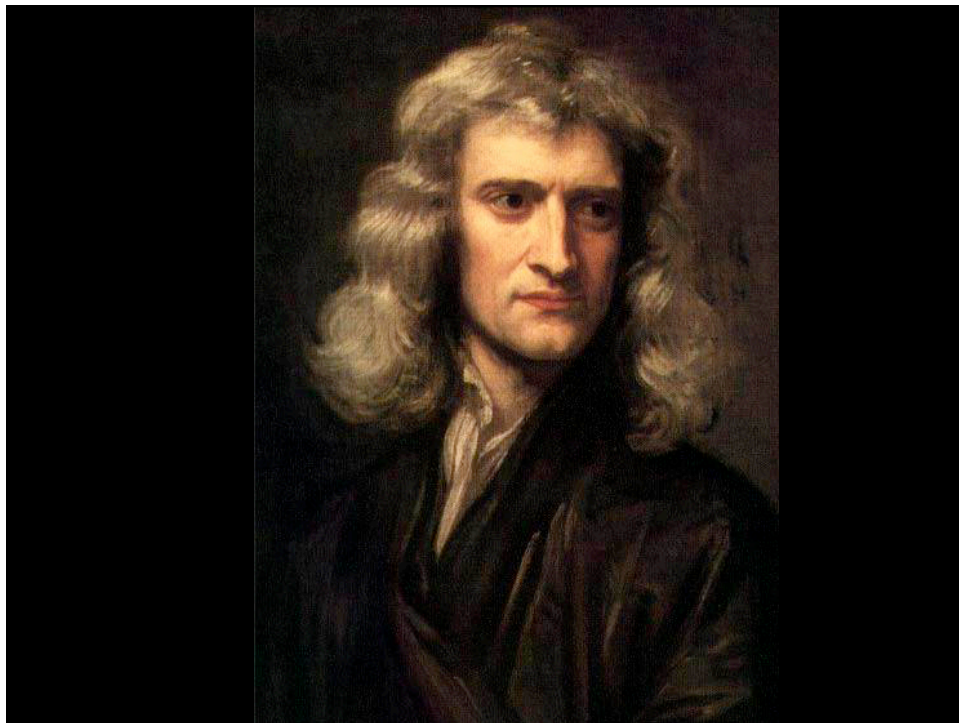
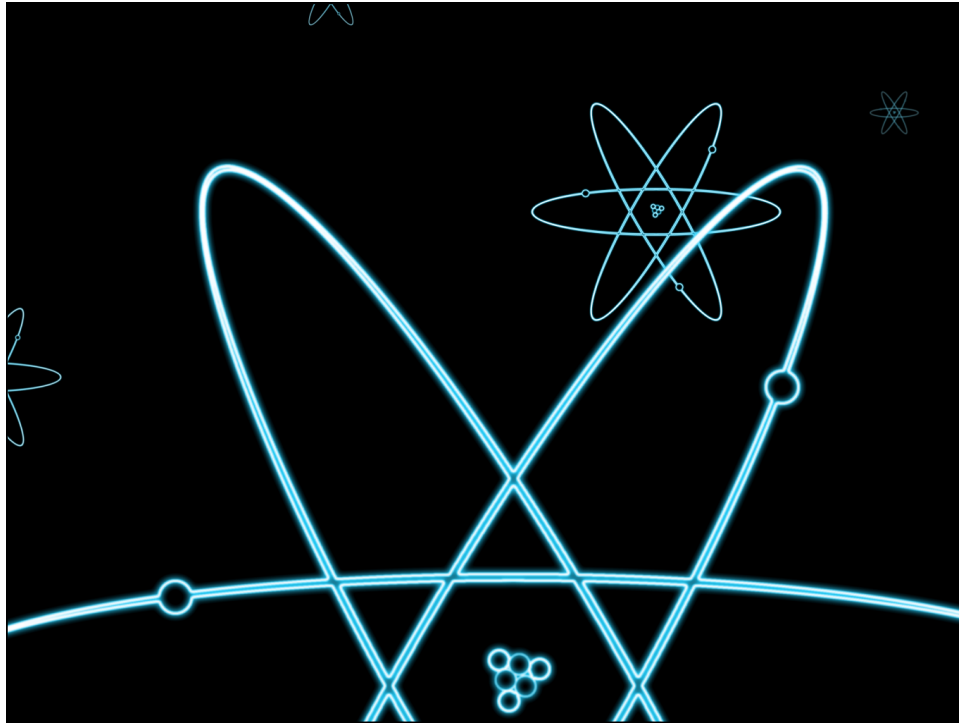
Is it  
“property”?  
*It depends on who you ask.*

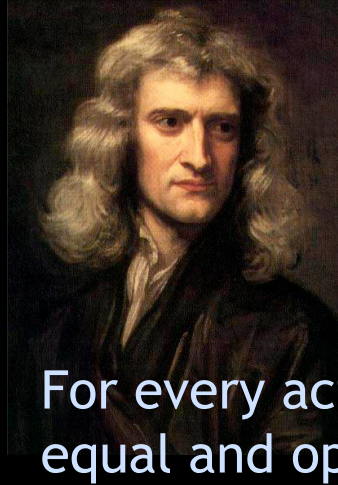
Is the right to receive  
government welfare  
property?

Is a professional license  
property?

Is a government pension  
property?

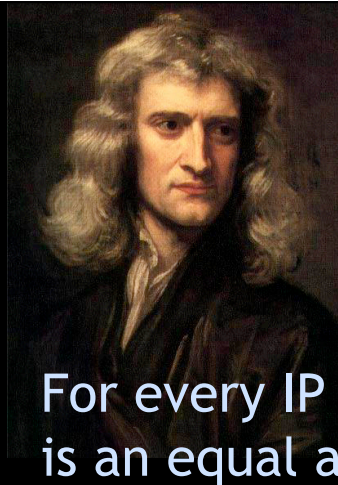
What's  
“intellectual”  
about it?





## Newton's Third Law of Motion

For every action, there is an  
equal and opposite reaction

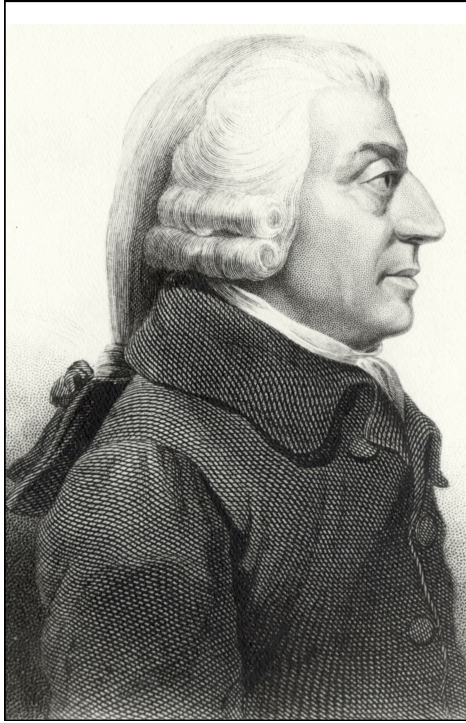


## Newton's Third Law of IP

For every IP entitlement, there  
is an equal and opposite  
reduction in freedom.

Why is  
intellectual  
property law  
necessary?

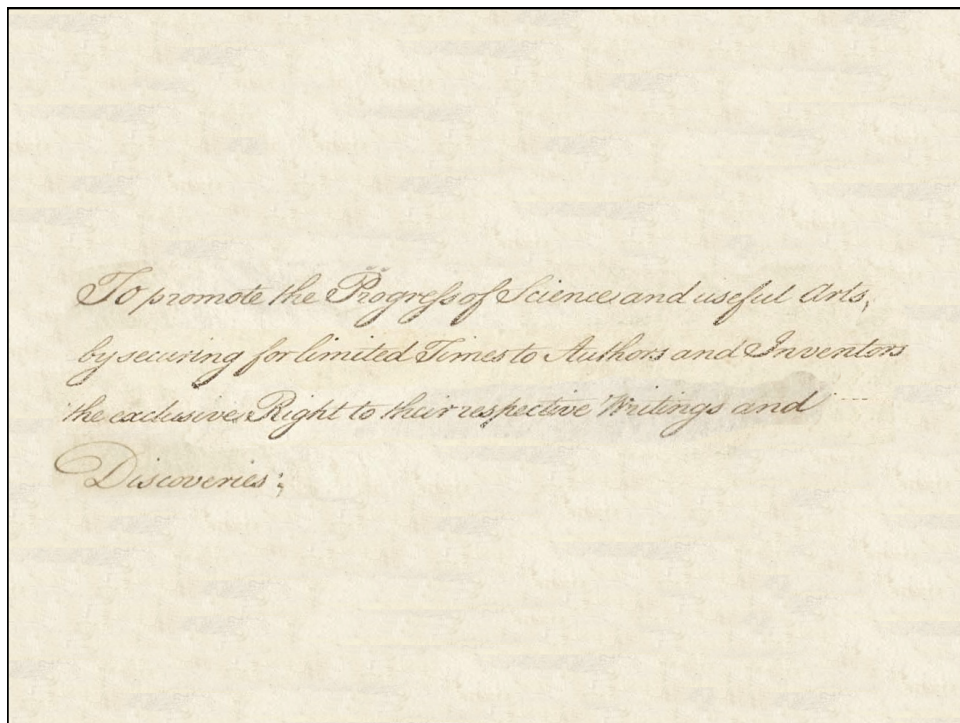
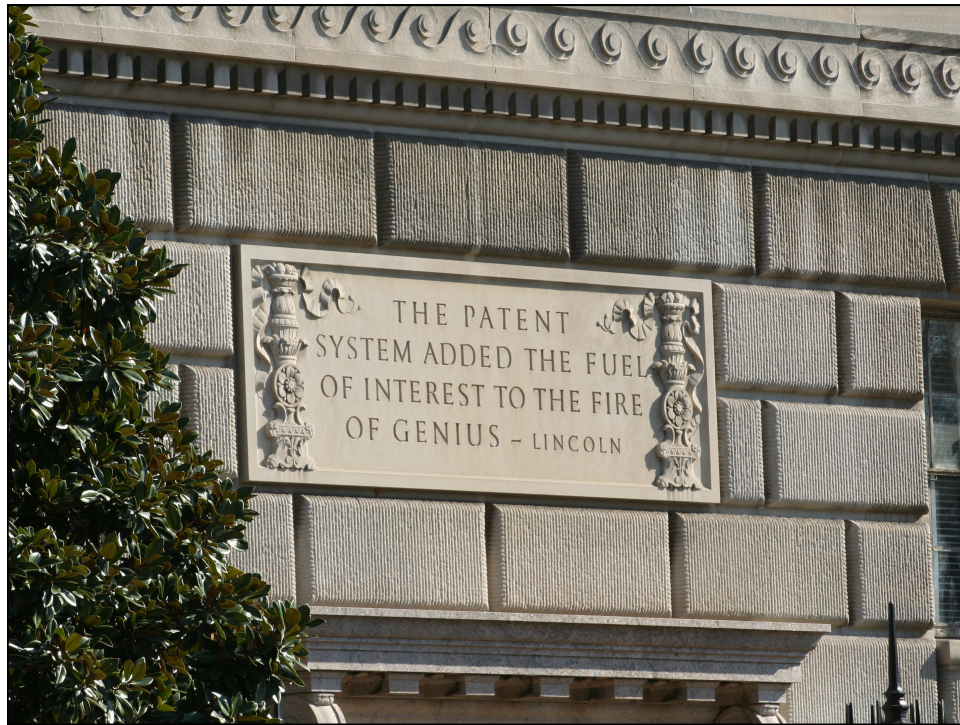
*Classical  
Economics*



Adam Smith







How did  
intellectual  
property law  
come to be?

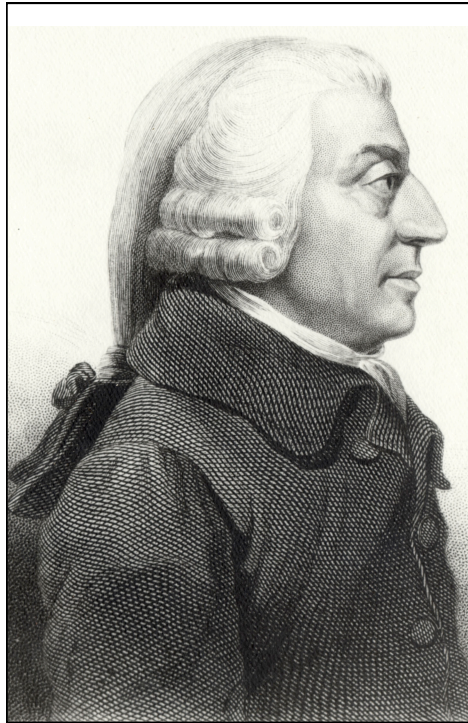




Queen Elizabeth



Queen Anne



Adam Smith

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Discoveries;*

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