

A Study on Work of Architecture
– Copyrightability, Author, Scope of Effect of the Author's Right –

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[SYNOPSIS]

What I would like to tell about architectural work

In the copyright act, architectural work is one of the examples of works. But there is a lot of problems we must resolve about architectural work. For example, it is not clear what kind of architecture has copyrightability.

Does only artistic architecture have copyrightability?

I made the point that copyrightability should be gave to not only architectural work of art but also non-artistic work of architecture. The majority still believes that copyrightable work of architecture must be artistic.

Relation between design for building and structure

The duration of copyright of architectural work should begin at the time that the construction of a structure has been finished. It is dangerous for author to accept the concept that an abstract work of architecture on the plan. Because the author has only the very limited effect of right of reproduction by article 46 of copyright act.

Who is the author of architectural work?

I found that not only architect but also structural engineer had to be co-author of architectural work especially when they were working at a big project like Sydney Opera House. The construction of such a big structure will be not able to finished without structural engineer.