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INTRODUCTION

Copyright has always been shrouded in mystery from the perspective of the common person. For those who do not encounter legislative or legal aspects, copyright presents an aura of mystery that gives them certain vague definitions, and more than that, they seem difficult to understand and manage. Having this mysterious image, although there are many people involved in creative activities, very few people exercise these rights for their own creations.

In reality, copyright has a sublime simplicity, but the fact that their legislation is not as publicized as the rest of the issues governing nations makes them unavailable to the common population, even if in reality there is a fairly high proportion of the population facing copyright problems.

This, coupled with the fact that there are legislative differences between nations, leads to a heterogeneity of how to solve copyright issues so diverse that it is becoming increasingly unclear to the ordinary population that involved copyright and how we can prevent the violation of these rights either by ourselves or by the violation of our rights.

When we look at primitive legal systems, a natural relationship is observed from the very early stages of human society because each legal system has gone through similar development processes..¹

The purpose of the comparatist represents an epistemological research because only through the analysis of the traditions of the comparative state we can reach the understanding and interpretation of the legal regulations by the comparatist.²

Humanity has evolved over time due to the fact that it has taken care to meet its primary needs and the most urgent needs. From the discovery of fire to the invention of artificial intelligence,

¹ A se vedea Alan Watson, *Legal transplants. An approach to comparative law*, Editura University of Georgia press, Atena, 1993, p. 12

² A se vedea Pierre Legrand, *Dreptul comparat*, Editura Lumina Lex, Bucuresti, 2001, pp. 35-36

humanity has built an ascending evolutionary tendency that has spread in all fields considered essential, but also in those that satisfy intellectual needs.

Nowadays, music has acquired an extraordinary importance, being the basis of an industry with huge revenues that influences generations and millions of people becoming a real tool of influence in promoting certain consumer products. Music itself has become a consumer product that can produce huge revenues in record time because over time it has become an indispensable element of people's current lifestyle.

Researchers studying the effects of television and media in everyday life have found that the impact of advertising a product is much greater if music and colors are on the background of the product's presenter's voice, music having a significant influence on the viewer to choose the product presented. Colorful advertisements with music in the background are stored by the human brain, this information returning to the consumer's mind when purchasing goods. That's why marketing companies choose musical works with messages closely related to the marketed product.³

The sound of a musical work is a true language of world circulation because, although the lyrics are not understood by everyone or their interpretation is cumbersome when they are translated, the sound is universally understood by all, the rhythm is perceived by all the same. A song with a fast and cheerful rhythm cannot produce a state of melancholy to its listener, just as a slow-paced song will never induce the listener to a state of maximum alert.

³ A se vedea articolul de Judy I. Alpert, Mark I. Alpert, *Background Music As an Influence in Consumer Mood and Advertising Responses*, Association for Consumer Research, 1989, „<http://acrwebsite.org/volumes/6949/volumes/v16/NA-16>”, ultima accesare 22.05.2019

PRESENTATION OF THE CHAPTERS

In the first part of the work called *Prolegomena* we discuss the concept of copyright and the interdisciplinary impact of music.

The comparatist, in order to be able to make the desired comparison, must analyze the legal regulations in a dual manner, both from the point of view of an individual directly subject to the regulations of that legal system as a citizen of that state, and from the perspective of an observer who is directly subject to a set of regulations of a different legal system of law.

It is believed that music, in its most rudimentary form, appeared around 6,000 î.Hr., when it was used to be able to reproduce the sounds of various animals in religious ceremonies.

The most important connection between musical creation and religion is represented by the psalter of the prophet and emperor David.

The connection between music and religion prevails even in symphonic music, having as an example Wagner's last work, "Parsifal", which merges religious elements such as the Holy Spear, the Holy Grail, the Templars, to divine music.

In The African-American culture, these religious ceremonies, where the pastor's sermon is passionate, the songs are also accompanied by dances specific to the African-American community, called swings (Manner of execution of jazz music, characterized by a great suppleness, by syncopes, swaying rhythm).

Philosophically, musical creation presents a certain interconnection with the many daily preoccupations of the individual.

This power of musical creations to invoke various feelings to the individual has attracted the attention and aroused the interest of the marketing industry, which in its attempt to sell the offered product, exploits the mechanism discovered to get the consumer to purchase the product.

Immediately after the Civil War in the United States of America, a new term "popular song" appears, thus changing forever the American musical culture, turning the musical work of the creator into an extremely profitable business.

Since 1950, music was used in the treatment of people with disabilities, those who had problems adapting in society, even for people injured during the war, music being used motivationally for these people.

Musical aesthetics, another under the discipline of philosophy, which deals with the cosmological and mathematical dimensions of harmony and rhythmic organization. This sub-branch of philosophy has shifted attention to the human pleasure of listening to music and its beauty.

Pythagoras was the first to be able to prove it mathematically, observing at a blacksmith's shop that depending on the hammer used the noise is different and once analyzed such hammers they have as weight proportions of each other, thus demonstrating that music and mathematics have the same fundamental basis.

Pythagoras managed to prove that when two strings, one being half the length of the other, vibrate together, the shorter string brings out the highest sound.

Biomuzicology, is a new discipline, through which scientific researchers such as Graham Pont argue that the origin of sound comes from the song of birds that have copied over time songs of other birds, sounds and movements of man.

Another discipline impacted by music was sociology, thus leading to the emergence of a new field of research of sociology. Maximilian Weber came to the conclusion that music and especially the standardization of music and musical instruments arose with the rational evolution of society. He supports his opinion by giving the example of the standardization of musical notes and musical instruments by the church, in order to be able to promote and bring church chants to the attention of the general public.

From the point of view of the impact on psychology, musical creation has been and is used in melotherapy (music therapy).

Another discipline that has crowned an entire branch of music research is physics. Acoustics, the science of sound, is the sub-branch of physics that studies phenomena related to the production, propagation and reception of sounds, but also their effects.

Regarding the interdisciplinary impact with literature, the relationship between text and music is mainly based on the fact that music gives the text a special emotional state and the text gives the music a more accurate expression, an accurate description of the feelings inspired by a musical work.

A notable example is the work of the poet Nichita Stănescu, *Emotion of autumn*, poetry published in 1964 by the Publishing House for Literature in the volume of poems *A vision of feelings*, 42 years later the folk singer, Nicu Alifantis, brings back to the public's attention the poem *Emotion of Autumn*, adding to it the instrumental part thus becoming a musical work with text released on his album *Simphonicu*. The musical opera enjoyed a real success, being further broadcasted by radio stations in Romania, 13 years later.

Painting, like the rest of the artistic fields, developed in tandem with the music. It has been scientifically proven, through a series of studies and researches, that music influences our creative process and perception of the surrounding elements.

Music has developed since antiquity, vestiges of music being discovered in China. Confucius imposed a special status for music, namely that of imperial prerogative. In the same period, about 2000 – 500 î.Hr. the book of songs "Si-stin" was made known, a book that is described as representing a vast repertoire of lyrics accompanied by songs with their own signs for rhythm.

History, a field closely intertwined with music, illustrates over time music as a constant element present in the evolution of human society. Starting from the battle songs and ending with the national hymns, composed after the historical events of the respective people, the music was intertwined with history, often used to raise the morale of the people and to mark various victories against the enemies. Another civilization impacted by music is the population of ancient Greece,

where music was very important for a better life. Along with sacrifices for the gods, music and dance were characteristic manifestations of a community living in peace.

Byzantine music is imposed in Constantinople through circus celebrations, religious rituals and ceremonial protocol of court represented by the acclaim addressed to the king.

The invention of musical instruments that took place during the Renaissance period. One of the most famous engineers of the time, Leonardo da Vinci was the creator of the so-called viola organista.

The period of classicism began with the first components of the musical language, such as: melody, harmony, polyphony, rhythmic and musical forms.

Unfortunately, a composer of classical music nowadays is addressing an extremely small audience within the classical music halls compared to a synthetic music composer who addresses an enlarged audience at a festival.

The impact of local music on the population is extremely large, which manages to unite masses of people and overcomes language barriers

Every developed right has history as its foundation. History and events transposed over time have led to the development of laws and their modification to the form they have today. Therefore, in the first chapter we analyzed and compared the history of French law with regard to musical creation, and in Chapter II the history of Anglo-American law regarding musical creation.

The French concept of copyright has its origins in the printing of patents and royal privileges. The royal privilege had more to do with the right to publish an author's work and did not refer to the rights of the author in their entirety. The first such privilege was granted by Henry II.

Royal privileges appeared only in 1507, when an author who was also his own editor, Antoine Verard, requested from King Louis XII a royal privilege in order to be able to print any book where he had the right of first editor for a period of 3 years.

After the Revolution of 1789, the concept of freedom of the press appears, all legal privileges regarding publication being abrogated.

By the Act of 1793, the author's right is recognized for the first time as an inalienable right, but having a duration limited to the life of the author plus 10 years after his death.

Moral copyright is the most protected copyright in France, moral copyright being according to French law in close connection with the author, being also the most complete legislation regarding moral copyright.

In 1709 - Statute of Anne (Queen Anne's Law - the first modern copyright law); it arose at a time when unfair competition gained momentum to provide protection to the first publisher of a work.

Together with the Law on Copyright, Models, Designs and Patents, we identify the concept of "fair dealing", namely: the purpose of the use, the character of the use, the present alternatives, the nature of the work, the sections of use of the work and the effect of the use on the work.

In the U.S. legal system, copyright jurisprudence gains momentum through two lawsuits that take place one year apart.

"Millet vs. Snowden", which presents the case of a publisher who printed and published a musical score without knowing that it is the object and protected by copyright. The defendant publisher copied that score from another newspaper, without obtaining the author's permission for the publication of the musical score. The publisher of the newspaper is held liable for copyright infringement and is ordered to pay one dollar for each sheet of printed sheet of sheet music.

Reed vs. Carusi " appears recorded, for the first time in Anglo-Saxon and American law, a dispute over the existence of a copyright in the created derivative works, being closely related to the Law of Congress referring to the fact that an insignificant addition or modification to a pre-existing original work does not confer on the composer any copyright.

The content of copyright in musical creation implies the existence of two types of copyright categories. These two categories of rights divide rights into moral rights and property rights.

Moral copyright is closely related to the person of the author. They are prohibited by the legislation in force to be alienated and this measure has the role of protecting the author. They will be described and debated at length in what follows.

Patrimonial rights are those copyrights that can be alienated, according to the legislation in force. This alienation exists to allow the author to enjoy certain benefits by capitalizing on the created musical work, but they do not stop at just that.

Moral copyright belongs only to the person who created the work, only a human being can create a work, legal entities cannot create a work and by hiring a person to create for a legal entity, the legal entity does not have the capacity of author of the work.

According to Art. L 121-1 of the French Intellectual Property Code, moral copyrights are perpetual, inalienable and imprescriptible. Moral copyrights are perpetual, they are transmissible for the cause of death to the author's heirs and the exercise of these rights may be conferred on a third party by testamentary disposition.

It was not until after a period of 102 years, on March 1, 1989, that the Berne Convention entered into force in the United States of America, therefore in the American legal system are recognized according to Art. 6 bis of the Berne Convention the moral right to claim the work and the moral right to claim respect for the integrity of the work and to oppose any distortion, mutilation or other modification of this work, or any other encroachment on it, injurious to its honour or reputation.

The moral right to claim the work is an exclusive right of the author to claim at any time the authorship of the created work, this right confers the right of the author to decide whether, in what way and when the work will be made available to the public.

We were talking about making a musical work public in anonymity, namely the author of the musical work did not exercise his right to name, this does not remove the moral rights of the author.

In the music industry, the most famous creator of musical works brought to the public's attention in anonymity remains to this day the artist Prince Roger Nelson known as the prince stage.

According to art. 16-21 of the Law on copyright, models, designs and patents of 1988, art. L122-3 of the French Intellectual Property Code and Art. 106 of Title 17 of the United States Code of America, the author has the exclusive right to reproduce the work.

The methods of use of the work are a) reproduction of the work - It constitutes a direct mode of communication of the work.

b) distribution of the work - Represents the putting into circulation of the work by any means by wire or wireless, so that the individual can dispose of the work at any time and in any way.

c) importation for marketing on the domestic market of copies made, with the consent of the author, of the work;

d) rental of the work - Represents the making available for use, for a limited time and for a direct or indirect economic or commercial advantage, of a work;

e) lending of the work - Consists in making available for use, for a limited time and without a direct or indirect economic or commercial advantage, of a work through an institution that allows access to the public for this purpose;

f) communication to the public, directly or indirectly, of the work, by any means, including by making the work available to the public, so that it can be accessed at any place and at any time individually chosen by the public;

g) broadcasting of the work - The characteristics of this type of communication to the public of works is that it is carried out by means of technical means

h) cable retransmission of the work - It is meant the simultaneous, unaltered and complete retransmission by an operator

i) making derivative works - Derivative works are those that resume elements of a pre-existing work in order to make a new work or works created from one or more pre-existing works.

The measures and procedures for the protection of copyright have evolved over time in accordance with the situations encountered in the case of the jurisprudence of the studied legislative systems, these being in direct proportionality with the evolution of the laws on copyright protection.

Since in all the legal systems analyzed the duration of the protection of copyright in musical creation is for life and 70 years after the author's death, we consider that a punctual comparison with the Berne Convention, which stipulates the period of protection of copyright as being for life and 50 years after the death of the author, is necessary since both France, as well as The United Kingdom were among the states that initiated the concept of intellectual property. In the U.S. legal system, it is necessary to point out the transition from 50 years of protection after the author's death to 70 years of protection after the author's death, a change that occurred with the Sonny Bono Act/Mickey Mouse Protection Act of 1998, the main reason being the extension of the duration of the copyright in connection with the character of the Disney Mickey Mouse.

The term agreed by the Berne Convention for works belonging to anonymous authors was 50 years from the time the work was made public, noting here the deletion of any reference to the author's life.

In order to illustrate the attention given to copyright protection within the European Union, the European Directive of 29 October 1993 notes that 50 years after the author's death, the term imposed by the Berne Convention, is no longer two generations of successors, a criterion by which it was established in 1886.

According to art. L 123-1 of the Intellectual Property Code, the duration of copyright protection extends over the entire life of the author plus 70 years from his death in favor of the heirs. That legislation appears by the Law of 27 March 1997 implemented by the European Directive of 29 October 1993, thus modifying the duration of copyright protection from 50 years to 70 years post-mortem, following after the expiry of the 70-year period for the work to enter the public domain.

The date from which the 70 years begin to run differs depending on the type of work and what circumstances are encountered. An example that can illustrate the difference in the application of the 70-year period after the author's death would be that in the case of the co-author, where the duration of 70 years begins to elapse in the calendar year in which the last author dies.

We note that the only difference we encounter between the French Intellectual Property Code and the Berne Convention is the longer term of protection of copyright, which essentially still complies with the Berne Convention because it provides protection for two generations of heirs as provided for in the Convention.

The United States of America chose to comply with the invitation received and also to attend the Berne Convention, but participated only as observers analyzing the issues that were included in the Convention and using it to develop its national legislation. This position has led to slight differences at the legislative level in terms of the duration of copyright protection.

Until the publication of the U.S. Copyright Act, regulations of the Berne Convention applied in the United States of America, with works made public until January 1, 1978 having a term of copyright protection of 50 years from the death of the author while works made public after that date have a term of copyright protection of 70 years from that date upon the death of the author. This difference is somewhat justified if we consider that the lifespan among the population has increased considerably in recent years.

Copyright has been repeatedly violated over time. International case-law presents numerous cases where musical works of some authors have been used and modified without their consent, and this has led to a constant review of the way in which these rights can be protected. This new objective has led to national and international legislation on the protection of copyright in a musical work constantly updated in order to cover the range of situations that could lead to the infringement of these rights. Given the multitude of types of works that continue to appear, the process of developing legislation has become difficult. Each state had to resort to novel methods to ensure that it keeps up with technological development and has needed to become increasingly inventive about the means of protection offered to its authors due to the continuous transformation of the online environment.

In France, procedures under national law comprise 3 ways of protecting a musical work. The newest way of protection is blockchain technology, a technology that allows authors of musical works the necessary protection in the online system.

Another way to protect the musical work is to register it with the National Union of Composers and Authors called the SNAC. That collecting society allows the registration of a musical work regardless of whether the author is a member of the SNAC or not. Registration in such a body may confer the right to intellectual property at international level, through documentation that is issued with the registration of the musical work.

However, the most popular way of protecting the copyright of a musical creation is to join another collecting society, namely, the Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers of Musical Works called SACEM. This collecting society has two main objectives which it consistently achieves: it provides protection for copyright and collects, on their behalf, the royalties due both in France and at international level.

In the UK, in order to benefit from legislative protection, a musical work must meet a number of conditions that are not related to the musical work itself, as much as it has to do with the author and the place where the musical work was first made known to the public.

In the case of the author, in order for the created musical work to be able to enjoy legislative protection on British soil, he must either be a British citizen or reside on British territory or in states that are considered dependent on British territory.

UK law does not propose the simultaneous fulfilment of the three conditions, but provides legislative protection to all musical works as long as one of these conditions is met.

In the UK, too, we have a collective management organisation equivalent to the French one, namely the PRS, a collective management organisation that protects authors by combating music piracy.

That body also manages to perform a remunerative function by collecting royalties on behalf of the authors if their musical work has been transmitted, played, broadcast or used in a cinematographic or television work.

In the United States of America, we find copyright protection through the registration of the musical work in the U.S. Copyright Office. There are also several collecting societies empowered by authors to collect royalties from copyright.

Regardless of the conditions imposed by each legal system, the author must prove that the musical creation belongs to him, more precisely that any musical work created to enjoy protection must be registered at a copyright office and, optionally, be affiliated with a collective management organization.

Copyright may be exercised by the author at any time, but the manner and duration in which they may be exercised and exploited are limited by rules and regulations applied in the national laws under consideration.

The main difference between moral copyright and patrimonial copyright, the latter representing the main object of the contract for the assignment of the patrimonial copyright in the musical work, is represented by the fact that the moral copyrights are obtained by law by the author, while the patrimonial ones are obtained by contract by the holder of the patrimonial copyright.

The contract for the assignment of the patrimonial rights of the copyright has certain peculiarities, but it must be treated as an assignment contract. By this we must understand that in the way of formulating and making up a contract for the assignment of copyrights we must take into account some general rules, meaning that each contract for the assignment of economic rights must contain certain elements that are imperative. But in order to understand why these elements are imperative, it is also important to understand what criteria are taken into account in order for these rights to exist in order to be exercised.

The musical work has been defined as "a composition that has, in principle, three elements, namely: melody, harmony and rhythm.

It is difficult to ignore the fact that attached to a single musical creation there are several types of rights, each with its own characteristics and importance. We cannot talk about rights and refer only to moral rights or property rights, and not also bring into question the rights related to copyright

in musical creation which, once again, facilitate the promotion and dissemination of the musical work.

According to Art. L 132-18 of the French Property Code, the Contract for Artistic Interpretation is a contract between the author and the natural or legal person, who is granted the right to interpret existing or future works under the conditions specified by the author or his heirs, the duration of the contract having to be limited to a period or a number of artistic performances.

Unlike the French legislature, in the Anglo-Saxon legal system on the rights of the performer, things are much more detailed and clear. The legislator according to art. F370 2A of the Copyright, Models, Designs and Patents Act of 1988 begins by defining artistic interpretation by then distinguishing copyright-related rights from moral copyright rights, i.e. the difference between performer and author. A necessary difference, given that in practice most of the time there is confusion between copyright and rights related to copyright.

The current circumstances determined by the global pandemic state resulting from the spread of the new corona-virus COVID19 have led to a stagnation of classical artistic interpretations and have promoted new inventive methods and ways through which performers can continue their activity but adapted so as to ensure conditions of maximum safety for both artists and the public.

One of the most important contracts of the current generation is the one between the author and the producer of sound recordings, this contract creating the possibility of recognizing the author, nationally and internationally, and the completion of the musical creation. Such a contract represents the desire of every unconsecrated author, since it is the producers of sound recordings who create and pave the way for the author.

A first aspect to consider is that of the confusion existing in the music industry, namely the confusion between the sound recording producer and the record label. Most of the time the author requires contracting a producer of sound recordings who owns a studio in order to complete the musical work. The producer of sound recordings is the one who manages to harmoniously arrange the lyrics, the melodic lines, the voice and the instrumental purchased from the author, while the record label, as mentioned, becomes the owner of the copyright on a completed musical creation.

Combining a musical creation with a series of images is another way of promoting both the author and the performer. Producers of audiovisual recordings, which are called 'music videos' in the music industry, are protected by copyright, and in most cases they assign the property rights to the employer, the person who wants an audiovisual recording with a view to better promotion, as they would have access to more promotional channels. An important aspect regarding the audiovisual recordings is the one related to the scenario created by the producer/ screenwriter, a scenario that involves the implementation of a real or fictional hypostasis, more precisely the adaptation of the message of the musical work in order to be able to incorporate it into a visual recording. A section of images, moments with which the listener can create the connection between the musical work and his own life.

The broadcasting bodies represent a means of promoting the musical creation, these having as their object of activity the public communication of the musical creation, an activity that must be carried out in compliance with the copyright and the related rights protected by law.

Collecting societies protect performers/authors/producers from fraudulent use of their musical works or non-payment of the remuneration to which they are entitled.

CONCLUSIONS

Observing the interdisciplinary impact that music has, I came to the conclusion that it represents an important part of the individual's life, there are specific chants for marriage ceremonies, birth, graduation, anniversaries, etc., notable moments in a person's life. The musical work is thus a creation aimed at the audience.

In the Anglo-Saxon and American legal systems regarding intellectual property, the case-law being the main factor, we can see a multitude of notable examples that have become sources of law.

The most notable difference between the three legislative historians is that the French legislature focuses and gives greater importance to the moral rights held by the author of the musical creation, while the Anglo-Saxon and American legislatures focus and attach increased importance to property rights out of a clear desire to support industry and its monetization.

Although today the most protected by the legislations in force is the author of musical creation, both in France and in the Anglo-American legal system, the first rights recognized were the rights of publishers to publish a work, so the first recognized rights were the patrimonial ones and not the moral ones.

After analyzing the content of copyright on musical creation, we specify that the main difference between these legal systems of intellectual property law refers to the attitude of states towards the protection and recognition of moral rights, moral copyright being closely related to the person of the author and inalienable.

Observing the criteria by which the protection of the copyright in the musical creation is obtained by the studied legal systems, we come to the conclusion that not all musical works meet the conditions to be able to enjoy the protection of copyright.

In order for a work to be able to enjoy copyright protection, it must be recognised as the original work by bodies designed to verify the multitude of compound works and to give the appropriate status.

After analyzing the contracts for the exploitation of copyrights, especially the contract for the assignment of patrimonial copyrights, we notice that in recent years we are witnessing a technology of all fields of activity, the music industry being an exception. This aspect leads to a transfer of attention from classic music stores to online stores, where everything is a click away, and the purchase and access to an artist's music are instant. The century of speed also brings a decline in popularity of the traditional copyright assignment contract, which was previously signed between an author and a record label.

Wanting to monetize the intellectual works as quickly as possible, the authors do not realize that the current form of this understanding, essentially also a form of assignment, limits the exposure of the works to an extensive promotion, which was previously possible. In the case of online shops, the promotion of intellectual works is strictly limited to the users of that digital shop, while in the case of a contract for the assignment of economic rights to copyright, the musical work is promoted through several channels: television, radio, written press, etc.

With regard to the rights related to copyright, analyzed in Chapter VI we conclude that although the author is the one who creates a musical work, the performing artist is the one who makes it known. With the exception of musical works that fall into the category of soundtracks for the film industry and other instrumental works, most musical works are brought to the public's attention through a performing artist.

As history has illustrated to us over time, there is currently no one-size-fits-all solution that meets the current needs of copyright holders at international level. Each system of law focused on one aspect that gave it the utmost importance and attention. In a utopian world, copyright legislation would be worldwide valid and updated annually taking into account the jurisprudence of that period but also the technological evolution recorded. There would be a global body that would ensure the registration and recognition of copyright, but also the management of musical creation that could also provide the authors/legislator with the necessary advice to ensure that, for example, a Romanian citizen who is on Nigerian territory and who creates a musical work and launches it in that territory knows exactly the status of the related copyrights. Homogenization at global level would significantly decrease the number of situations in which an author does not fully exploit his

created work because he does not understand or cannot meet certain conditions for the work to enjoy protection regardless of in what territory it is launched and exploited.

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