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In the News

Judge Rules in Landmark AI Copyright Case Against Anthropic

A U.S. federal judge has ruled that Anthropic's use of copyrighted content to train AI models may constitute infringement. This precedent-setting decision could reshape how courts view data sourcing in AI development and who bears responsibility.

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Court Sides with Meta in AI Copyright Lawsuit

Meta scored a legal win as a court ruled its AI model did not violate copyright by learning from public online data. The decision offers a clearer path for tech firms relying on "fair use" in AI training, but the debate is far from over.

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"Together" vs. "Better Half": Stealing Ideas in Hollywood

A new lawsuit claims that Dave Franco and Alison Brie's rom-com *Together* borrows heavily from an earlier script pitched by another writer. It's a familiar industry conflict where inspiration, coincidence, and copyright collide. This case spotlights how slippery creative ownership can be.

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Understanding Conception Under Patent Law

What does it mean to be the "first to invent"? This breakdown from *Patently-O* explores how courts evaluate the moment of invention, known legally as "conception", and why that definition is critical in patent disputes.

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How Strong Is Your Patent Application?

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Who Owns AI Barbie?

A wave of AI-generated Barbie content is raising legal eyebrows, especially at Mattel. The article digs into how fan-created AI art bumps up against brand ownership, copyright law, and emerging IP policy.

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Epic Wins Fortnite IP Lawsuit Over Virtual Concerts

Epic Games has defeated a patent claim regarding its in-game live concerts, protecting a key innovation in interactive entertainment. The case could help shape how courts handle virtual events and software IP.

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When Your Music Isn't Yours

Taylor Swift finally won a long battle for the rights to her masters giving her control of the streaming, licensing, and sales of those tracks. This win reshapes how artists and labels think about music rights and their contracts, offering a path to creative ownership and artistic power.

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From the Desk of John Ferrell



How to Improve Your Chances of Getting a Granted Patent

Patent law can be unforgiving, but preparation makes a big difference. In this quick video, John Ferrell shares the top reasons patent applications get rejected and how to avoid those traps.

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