Civil and Criminal Liability for the Infringement of Copyright in India
In certain circumstances copyright infringement can amount to a criminal offence as well. Criminal offences relating to copyright infringement. Under s 107 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (CDPA 1988), you commit a criminal offence if, without the licence of the copyright owner, you possess in the course of a business an article which is, and which you know or have reason to believe is an infringing copy of a copyright work with a view to committing any act infringing the copyright; in the course of a business sell or let for hire or offers or exposes for sale or hire or exhibit in public or distribute an article which is, and which you know or have reason to believe is an infringing copy of a copyright work Remedies for copyright infringement in the United States can be either civil or criminal in nature. Criminal remedies for copyright infringement prevent the unauthorized use of copyrighted works by defining certain violations of copyright to be criminal wrongs which are liable to be prosecuted and punished by the state. Unlike civil remedies, which are obtained through private civil actions initiated by the owner of the copyright, criminal remedies are secured by the state which prosecutes the