

# “Batmobile Ruling Not New, But the Test Is,” Los Angeles Daily Journal

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In this article, Jenner & Block Partner Andrew J. “A.J.” Thomas examines a recent ruling that sought to clarify the question of whether an inanimate object – in this case, the Batmobile from the *Batman* TV series and 1989 *Batman* movie – is a “character” subject to copyright protection. Mr. Thomas analyzes the Ninth Circuit’s decision in *DC Comics v. Towle*. In that case, the opinion created a three-part test that aims to distill a general rule for all situations where copyright is claimed in a fictional character appearing in a comic book, television program or motion picture. The article is the latest installment of Mr. Thomas’ “Content Matters” column.

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