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What does the landmark *Getty vs Stability AI* court ruling really mean?

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In an article published by *Creative Bloq*, Intellectual Property Partner Nathan Smith discussed the English High Court's landmark decision in *Getty Images v. Stability AI*. He noted that while the decision may appear to have provided some clarity on the interplay between artificial intelligence and intellectual property infringement, "there remains significant uncertainty."

Nathan went on to describe the case in which Getty alleged that Stability used over 12 million Getty-owned or licensed photographs, without Getty's permission, to train and develop its image-generating AI model, Stable Diffusion. "Getty argued that this undermined both the rights of its contributing photographers and the long-established licensing framework for the creative content industry and, in turn, constituted copyright infringement and trade mark infringement," he wrote. "Stability denied these allegations, arguing that the Stable Diffusion model only learned from Getty images included in its training data, identifying patterns, rather than reproducing the works themselves."

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