

IETF Trust Chair Report for ISOC Board

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IETF Trust Issues: Subpoenas and legal requests



- Microsoft Corporation v. VirnetX Inc. (received November 2014)
- Ericsson Inc. v. Intellectual Ventures I LLC (received November 2014)
- Details: <http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html>

Lawsuit filed against IETF among others



- Glassey v. Microsemi Inc - ISOC, IETF, ICANN, et al (received September 2014)
 - The Trust had received a legal complaint by Todd Glassey, that names ISOC/IETF/ICANN as defendants (among other entities, including the U.S. Government)
 - Attorneys have advised that ISOC and the IETF management (IAB, IESG, IAOC) not engage in any dialogue on this topic while the case is active.
 - On Oct-30 judge issued an order striking the complaint.
 - The current status of the complaint is closed, but the plaintiff has made further legal attempts to re-open the case or change the court.

Misc.

- Trust Legal Provisions update:
 - Planned small update to item #9 in the TLP to allow the use of templates in the future.
 - Community input request sent out on Jan-27, closing on Feb-25.
 - Trust may vote on the change after that under consideration of the community input.

Backup Information



What is the IETF Trust ?

- The IETF Trust was founded by CNRI and the Internet Society (AKA the Settlers).
 - <http://iaoc.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-Agreement-Executed-12-15-05.pdf>
 - Also see BCP 78 / RFC 5378.
- It exists to hold intellectual and other property of the IETF “for the advancement of the science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology.”
- It has a legal existence as a Trust in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- There are 9 Trustees, the members of the IAOC.
- The Trustees have a fiduciary duty to protect the IETF’s property!



The IETF Trust Legal Provisions

- The IETF Trust is currently operating under Trust Legal Provisions (TLP) 4.0.
 - Effective Date: December 15, 2009
- These can be found at
<http://trustee.ietf.org/docs/IETF-Trust-License-Policy.pdf>