

# IETF Trust Chair Report

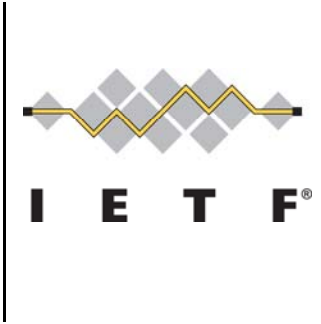
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# IETF Trust Issues: Response to Subpoenas



- The IETF and the IETF Trust receive subpoenas from time to time as part of evidence gathering (so far, associated with patent cases)
  - Sometimes to show abuse of the patent process (i.e., participation in the IETF without filing of IPR discussions)
  - Sometimes to show prior art
- We thus have to respond to requests for documents, physical proof of attendance at IETF meetings (and rarely depositions)
  - These are for RFCs, I-Ds, blue sheets, email archives, and other material
- Trustees have agreed to publish new subpoenas as they come in
- There are now three subpoenas at:  
<http://iaoc.ietf.org/subpoenas.html>

# IETF Trust Issues: Subpoena received



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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

VirnetX Inc.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Cisco Systems, Incl. et al,  
Defendants.

### SUBPOENA IN A CIVIL CASE

Case 6:10-cv-00417<sup>1</sup>  
(Eastern District of Texas)

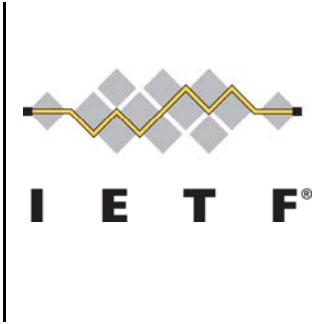
TO: Internet Engineering Task Force  
c/o The Internet Society  
1775 Wiehle Ave., Suite 201  
Reston, VA 20190

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below to testify in the above case.

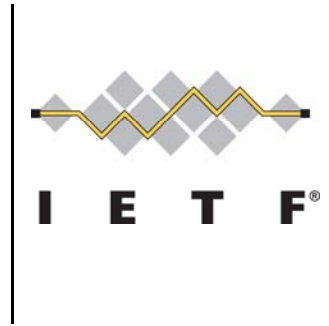
PLACE OF TESTIMONY	COURTROOM
	DATE AND TIME

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the place, date, and time specified below to testify at the taking of a deposition in the above case. The deposition will be  transcribed;  video taped;  audio recorded.

# Questions During Open Mic

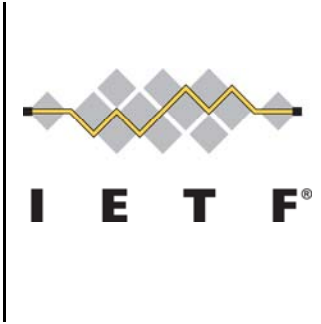


- Thank You!



# Auxillary 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>