

CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC DOMAIN; WILLFUL IGNORANCE OF PRIOR ART; EGREGIOUS DISPLAY OF OBVIOUSNESS

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ACACIA RESEARCH:

Audio and video receiving and transmission system; threatening dozens of small companies, including many home-grown adult websites.



CLEAR CHANNEL ENTERTAINMENT:

System and method of creating Defformances; claims to own a monopoly on all-in-one digital recordings of live technologies that produce post-concert live recordings on digital media.



ACCERIS:

Method and apparatus for implementing a computer network-internet telephone system; threatening 14 VoIP companies with expensive legal disputes if they do not pay licensing fees.



SHELDON F. GOLDBERG:

System and method for playing games on a network; threatening small online gaming webšites.



IDEAFLOOD:

System apparatus and method for hosting and assigning domain names on a wide area network; Threatening community site LiveJournal, with 3 million users who each have their own subdomain.



NEOMEDIA TECHNOLOGIES:

System and method for automatic access of a remote computer over a network; threatening small info-aggregating companies such as ScanBuy, AirClic, Inc., and LScan Technologies.



TEST. COM:

Method for administering tests, lessons, assessments; claims it should receive licensing fees from companies, universities or individuals that administer tests over the Internet.



NINTENDO:

Software implementation of a handheld videogame hardware platform; threatens reverse engineering of videogames to promote interoperability and emulation by hobbyists.



FIREPOND:

System that uses natural långuage processing to respond to customers' online inquiries by email; patent uses basic natural language processing techniques taught in introductory computer science courses.



SEER SYSTEMS:

System and method for generating, distributing, storing and performing musical work files; currently threatening small companies trying to innovate in this field.

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