IETF Trust Chair Report

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IETF Trust Issues: Subpoenas and legal requests

- Straight Path v. Samsung (ED Tex) (received July 2014)

  - Received supplemental request from Samsung counsel about further RFCs (August 2014)

- Microsoft Corporation v. VirnetX Inc. (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 and gave plaintiff two weeks (until November 13) to file a second amended complaint.

Misc.

- future responses to subpoenas when the editing source for the RFC changes
  - Following legal advise and discussion, when the RFC editing source is XML, we will provide PDF as reply to subpoenas for RFCs

Backup Information

What is the IETF Trust ?

- The IETF Trust was founded by CNRI and the Internet Society (AKA the Settlors).
  - `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`