International Developments

UDRP (WIPO) & Nominet DRS

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Session Outline - part I - UDRP

- Trade Mark Rights
- Confusing Similarity
- Resellers
- Gripe/Tribute Sites
- Conjunctive Requirement
- Paragraph 2

Trade Mark Rights

- registered
- unregistered
 - personal names
 - evidence required
 - uniformity across jurisdictions?
- timing of the rights

Registered trade marks

WIPO Case No.
DAU2013-0010
<trademarkdirect.com.au>

Launching Soon

Exciting new clothing brand bought to you by the owners of Babybeehinds & Britt Design

Its been over 12 months in the making the hard work is done watch this space

TradeMarkDirect

US State Registrations

TM application filed October 1, 2010

TM registered October 1, 2010

WIPO Case No.
D2011-1243
<k2incenseblend.com>

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STATE OF KANSAS OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

I, CHRIS BIGGS, Kansas Secretary of State, certify that the records of this office reveal the following:

I, CHRIS BIGGS, Secretary of State of the State of Kansas do hereby certify that the trademark registration for

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to be used in conjunction with CLASS 003,

for:

THIS MARK WILL BE USED TO IDENTIFY INCENSE

claimed by registrant to have been first used since March 31, 2009 and first used in the state of Kansas since March 31, 2009 has been filed by

BOUNCING BEAR BOTANICALS, INC. PO BOX 1993 LAWRENCE KANSAS 66044

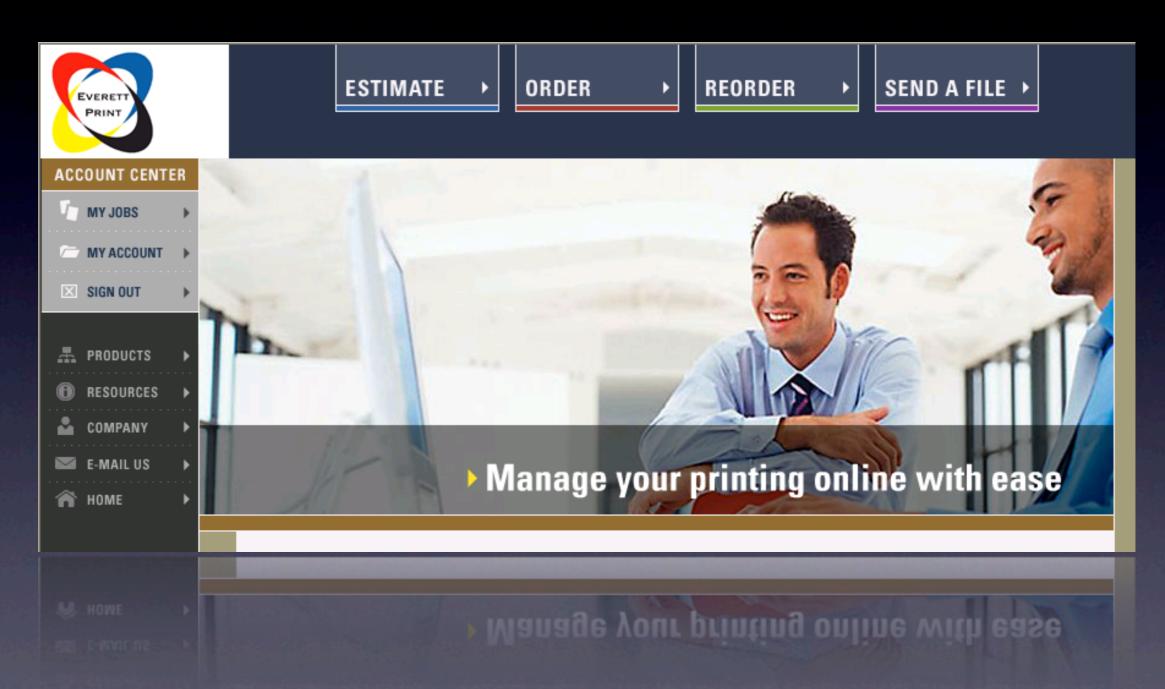
A facsimile of said mark is hereto attached and the fee due this office has been paid. Said mark is registered for a period of five years from the date of original filing, or renewal, October 1, 2010



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the city of Topeka, this 1ST day of October A.D. 2010

CHRIS BIGGS
KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

US Supplemental Register



WIPO Case No. D2013-0219 < Integrated Print Solutions.com >

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Personal Names



WIPO Case No. D2013-0791 RichardBransonInvestment.com>

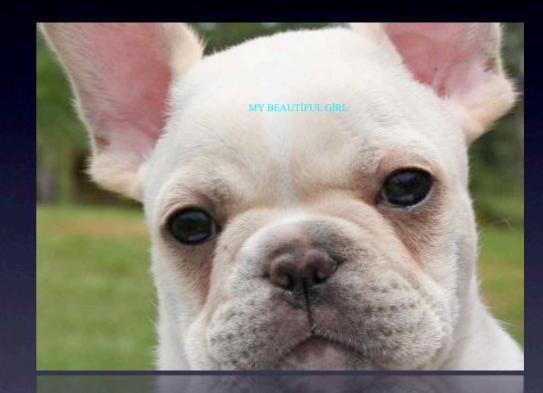


WIPO Case No. D2010-1954 <BackBoris.com>

Personal Names



WIPO Case No. D2013-1255 PhilippePierreDauman.com/



WIPO Cases Nos. D2013-1123 and D2013-1124 <AnanyashreeBirla.com> <AdvaiteshaBirla.com> <AryamanVikramBirla.com>

requisite evidence



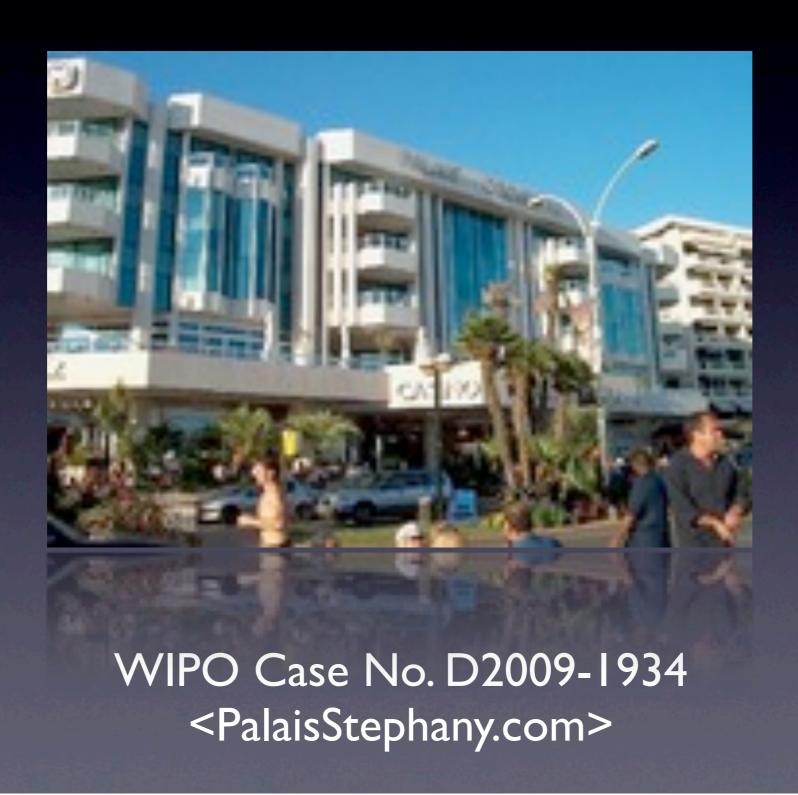
WIPO Case No. D2012-0651 BrisbaneGlass.com

requisite evidence



WIPO Case No. D2008-1036 < MancinisSleepworld.com>

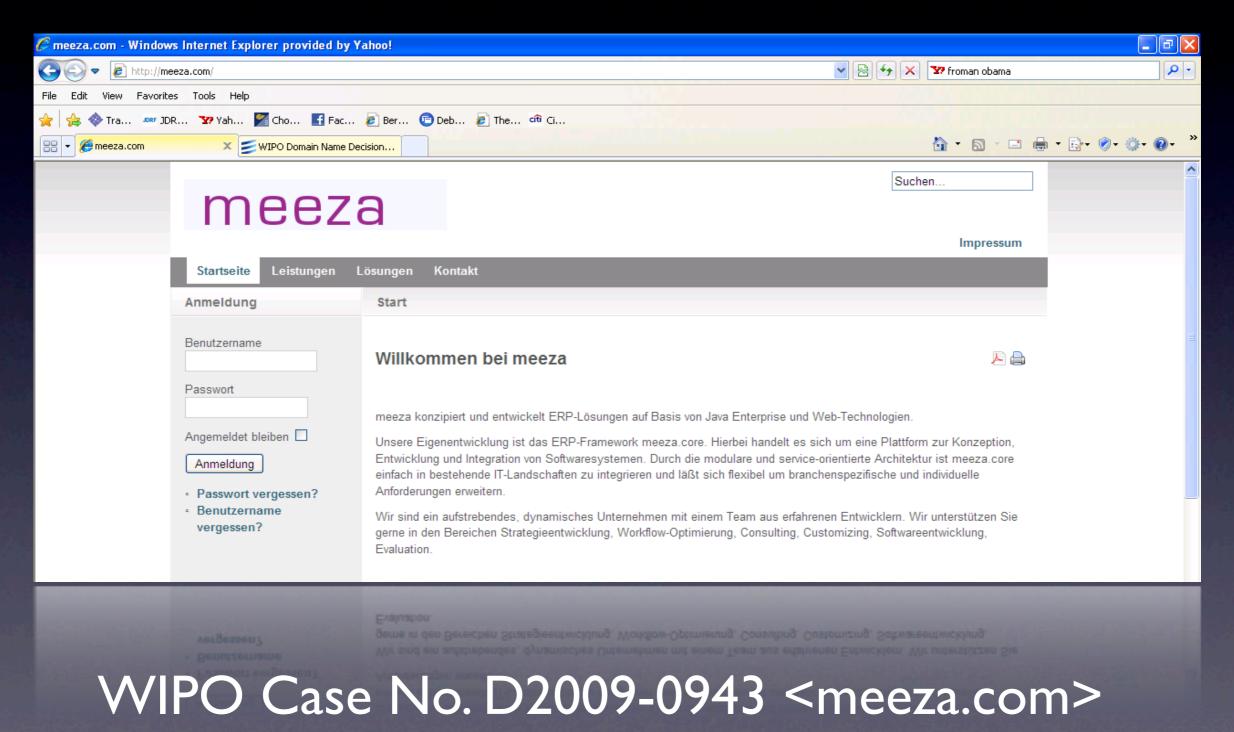
Jurisdictional issue



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Timing of Trade Mark Rights



Confusing Similarity

- the nature of the test
- trade mark + added matter (distinctive, descriptive, pejorative)
- disclaimers
- device marks

Confusing Similarity

Is <tumbr.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0106 Is <tmblrcom> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0203 Is <tumblor.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0213 Is <tumbl.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0214 Is <tublr.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0220 Is <tumblir.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0242 Is <tubmlr.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0243 Is <tumlr.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0244 Is <umblr.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0421 Is <yumblr.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0424 Is <tymblr.com> confusingly similar to TUMBLR? D2013-0441

Nature of the test

- standing requirement
- comparison between TM and domain name to assess likelihood of confusion
- straightforward visual or aural comparison
- TM must be recognisable
- website content generally irrelevant



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All Charges from Occupy Chicago Mass Arrests at "The Horse" Dismissed (0)

SEP 27, 2012 • NEWS

The mass midnight arrests of Occupiers in October at Grant Park were ruled unconstitutional by a Chicago court Thursday. The two nights of actions were part of a spirited attempt to "Take the Horse" (a reference to The Bowman statue) and set up an encampment in Chicago.

Recent Stories

- Rahm's Strike Commercial Misses the Mark
- "We Fought the City with Gatorade and Water": A History of Parent Action
- What the CTU Contract Means for the Families of CPS
- What's Going On? A Legal Explanation of Injunctions, Sympathy Strikes, and More
- Strike Day 9: Tuesday Events



All Charges from Occupy Chicago Mass Arrests at "The



Rahm's Strike Commercial Misses the Mark



What the CTU Contract Means for the Families of CPS



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WIPO Case No. D2012-1076 <OccupiedChicagoTribune.org>



One view: You don't need to look for likelihood of confusion. "When a domain name wholly incorporates a complainant's mark, it is sufficient to establish confusing similarity for purposes of the UDRP" (WIPO Cases Nos. D2011-0771 <gqbar.com> and D2000-0662 <wal-martsucks.com>)

Another view: "Is it likely that, because of the similarity between the domain name on the one hand and the Complainant's trademark on the other hand, people will wonder whether the domain name is associated in some way with the Complainant?"

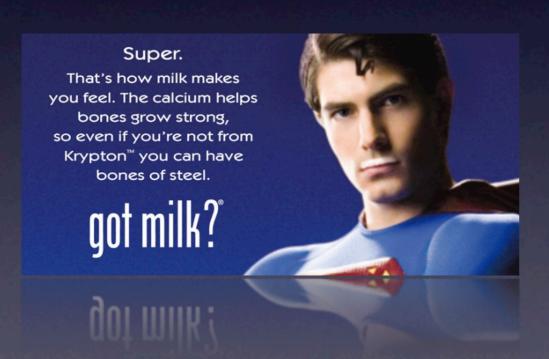
(WIPO Case No. D2007-0648 <ambienwatch.org> and <ambienisdangerous.com>)

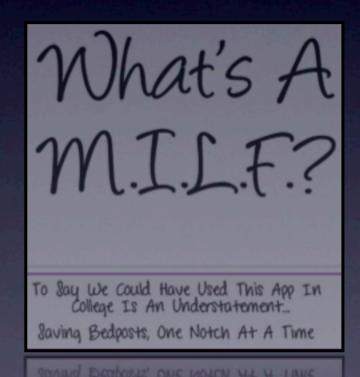
Others find confusing similarity because non-English speakers may not recognize the word as a pejorative.

significance of language



"The Panel majority concludes that an Internet user confronted with this Domain Name is likely to be grinning, or groaning, or nonplussed - not confused"





WIPO Case No. D2012-2285 gotmilf.com

Website content

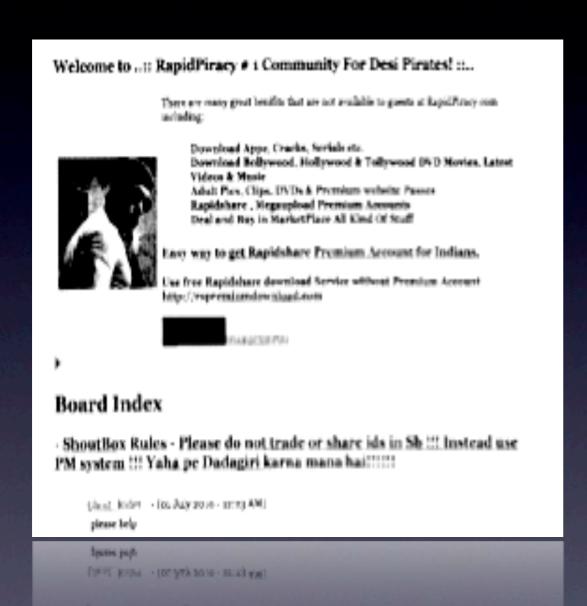
WIPO Overview 2.0, Paragraph 1.2 – "The content of a website (whether it is similar to or different from the business of a trademark holder) would usually be disregarded in the threshold assessment of risk of confusing similarity under the first element of the UDRP, although such content may be regarded as highly relevant to assessment of intent to create confusion (*e.g.*, within a relevant market or language group) under subsequent UDRP elements (*i.e.*, rights or legitimate interests and bad faith)."





WIPO Case No. D2008-1267 < Hairy Winston.com >

Website content



PM system !!! Yaha pe Dadagiri karna mana hai

is <rapidpiracy.com confusingly similar to RAPID SHARE TM?

WIPO Case No. D2010-1089 < RapidPiracy.com >

Disclaimers



"Shopping for the People"



Device Marks

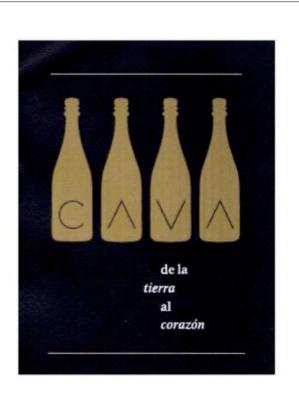
Case details for Community Trade Mark E3575867

Explanation of terms used on this page



Case details for Community Trade Mark E6968036

Explanation of terms used on this page



Mark text:

Mark

CAVA DE LA TIERRA AL CORAZON

Description of colours

claimed:

Golden, black, white.

WIPO Case No. D2008-1939 <cava.com>

Rights or Legitimate Interests

Paragraph 4(c) of the UDRP

bona fide offering of goods or services - para. 4(c)(i)

use of own name - para. 4(c)(ii)

"legitimate noncommercial or fair use of the domain name without intent for commercial gain to misleadingly divert consumers or to tarnish the trade mark or service mark in issue" - para. 4(c)(iii)

bona fide offering



rebutting a prima facie case

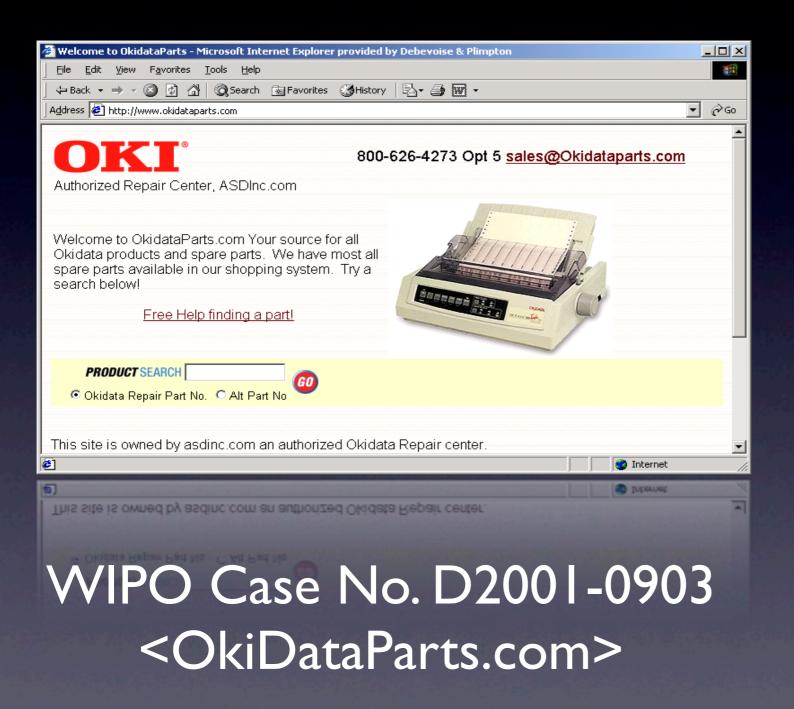
WIPO Case No. DAU2012-0019 <minespec.com.au>

bona fide offering



WIPO Case No. D2013-0570 < yahclick.com >

Resellers



Must actually offer branded goods or services at issue

Website must sell only the branded goods

Site must accurately disclose relationship with trade mark owner

Cannot seek to corner the domain name market in all permutations

Resellers















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WIPO Case No. D2012-1202 <Birkenstock-China.com>

Must actually offer branded goods or services at issue

Website must sell only the branded goods FAIL

Site must accurately disclose relationship with trade mark owner FAIL

Cannot seek to corner the domain name market in all permutations

use of own name



WIPO Case No. D2012-2467 < tatamassage.com >

View 1: The right to criticize does not necessarily extend to registering and using a domain name that is identical or confusingly similar to the complainant's trademark. That is especially the case if the respondent is using the trademark alone as the domain name (i.e., <trademark.tld>) as that may be understood by Internet users as impersonating the trademark owner.

andreasfrei.net

Deutsch

English

Whistleblowing

Willkommen bei Dr. med. Andreas Frei Oberarzt Forensischer Dienst Luzerner Psychiatrie

Was ich zu bieten habe:

Teil 1: Interview im Blick

Teil 2: Vernichtung einer Existenz

Teil 3: Escholzmatt, 5 Tote

Teil 4: Schübelbach, 1 Tote



WIPO Case No. D2013-0560 <andreasfrei.net>

View 2: Irrespective of whether the domain name as such connotes criticism, the respondent has a legitimate interest in using the trademark as part of the domain name of a criticism site if such use is fair and noncommercial.

Towersonthepark WIPO Decision Why I do this.

Voting regulations Page 316 and 317



Towers on the Park

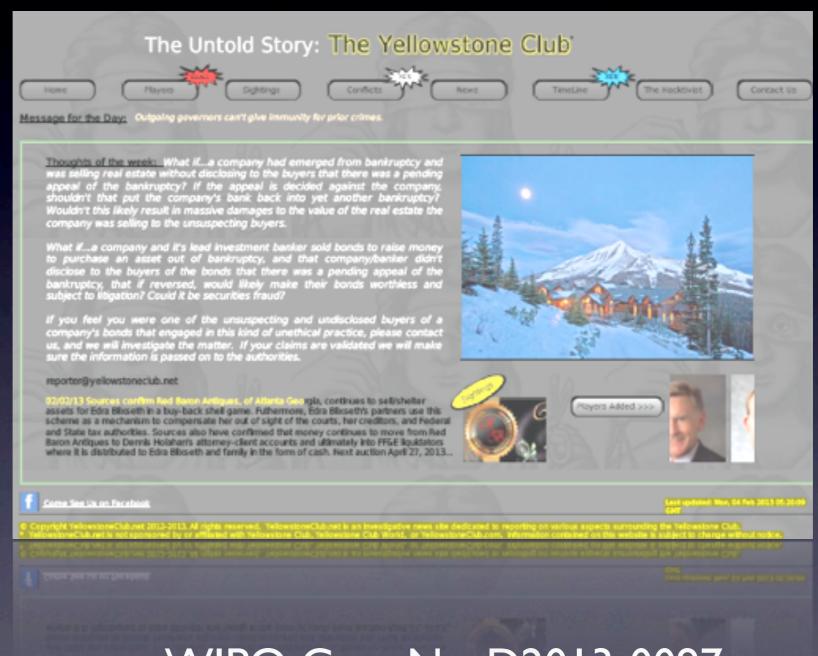
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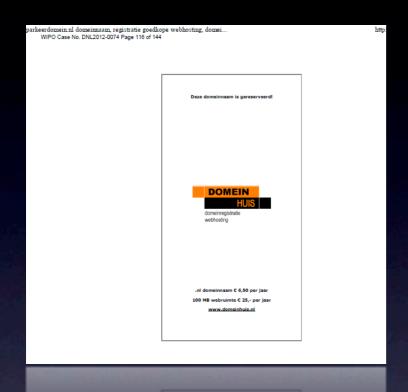
WIPO Case No.
D2012-1054
<TowersOnThePark.com>

Gripe/Tribute Sites



WIPO Case No. D2013-0097 YellowstoneClub.net and YellowstoneClubScandal.com

Fair Use or Foul?



"My little nephew made this sound"



WIPO Case No. DNL2012-0074 < MiuMiu.nl>

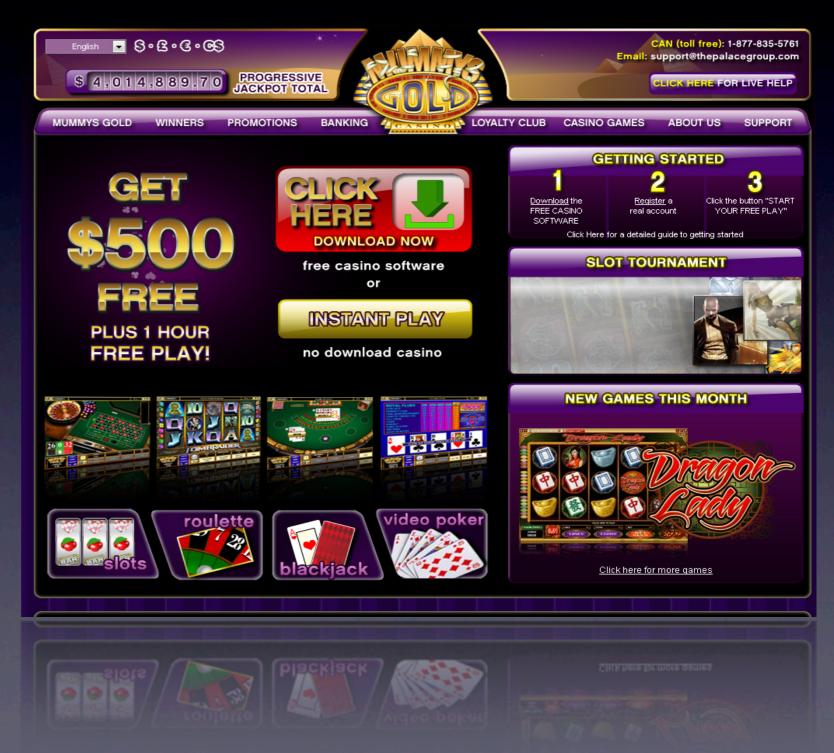
The Third Element

The Conjunctive Requirement

"The Domain Name was registered AND is being used in bad faith"

Conjunctive Requirement

WIPO Case No.
D2009-0643
<mummygold.com>



Conjunctive Requirement

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D2009-1278 <parvi.org> Christie
NAF 1282148 <denverpostjobs.com> Franklin, Bernstein, Kuechenmeister
D2009-1413 <validas.com> Limbury
D2009-1455 <torus.com> Smith
D2009-1688 <sporto.com> Lyon
D2009-1716 <walkydogusa.com> Willoughby
D2010-0217 <trueroots.com> Barker, Limbury; Donahey dissent
D2010-0470 <bgt.com> Rothnie, Harris, Samaras
D2010-0800 <ferrlecit.com> Turner, Smith; Donahey dissent
D2010-1001 < jappy.com > Perkins, Christie, Clark
D2010-2011 < lionsden.com > Blackmer, Bernstein, Sorkin
D2010-2069 <simplybusiness.com> Abbott, Swinson; Christie dissent
D2011-0219 <1000places.com> Bernstein
D2012-0771 < sidetrack.com > Michaelson, Fong, Willoughby
D2012-0918 <dealz.com> Swinson
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Paragraph 2

"By applying to register a domain name, or by asking us to maintain or renew a domain name registration, you hereby represent and warrant to us that ... (b) to your knowledge, the registration of the domain name will not infringe upon or otherwise violate the rights of any third party; (c) you are not registering the domain name for any unlawful purpose; and (d) you will not knowingly use the domain name in violation of any applicable laws or regulations. It is your responsibility to determine whether your domain name registration infringes or violates someone else's rights."

Paragraph 2

- what is the UDRP?
- is paragraph 4 a discrete self-contained ADR procedure?
- does paragraph 2 have a part to play?
- registration, maintenance and renewal of domain names
- Respondent obligation to conduct trade mark searches?

Renewals



Maintenance

if 'renewal'
is akin to 'registration'
for this purpose, what about
'maintenance'?

WIPO Case NO. D2009-1688 <sporto.com>

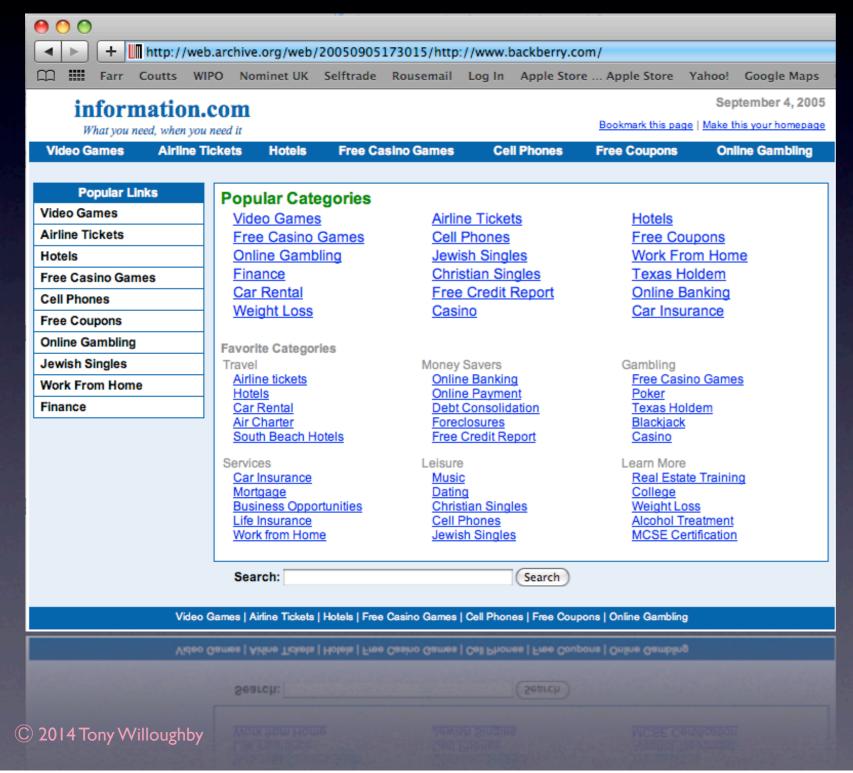
Knowledge

- Actual
- Inferred
- Implied
- Constructive or Deemed

Obligation to search?



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WIPO Case No. D2009-0320

backberry.com

Session Outline - part 2 - Nominet

- Rights
- Similarity
- Gripe/Tribute Sites
- Appeals
- Review of the Overview & the Policy

Rights

- "in respect of a name or mark"
- enforceable by complainant
- <ireland.co.uk>
- <hvidbro-mitchell.co.uk>
- "whether under English law or otherwise"
- uniformity across jurisdictions?

Contractual Rights



DRS 4632 <ireland.co.uk>

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Data Protection Act etc.

Outstanding Debts encapsulated in Court Orders and Judgments owed by Simon Hvidbro-Mitchell

I have created this site to highlight how my ex-husband Simon James Hvidbro-Mitchell (previously known as Simon James Mitchell) has not paid court orders and judgments relating to his two children. These child maintenance debts have been accruing since 2004 and are in excess of £78,000 including interest and costs. Interest accrues at a daily rate of £11.98 which equates to an annual rate of £4372.70. In addition Mr Hvidbro-Mitchell also has child maintenance arrears through the CSA of £1982.28 (as of 10th Dec 2012), so in total owes me more than £80,000. Mr Hvidbro-Mitchell claims to be unemployed therefore the CSA assessment has been set back to £0.00 per week - this is the subject of a forthcoming Tribunal Hearing.

Simon has not had any contact with his children Scarlett and Jamie (pictured above) for the past 13 years which has upset them greatly over the years. Neither has he made regular maintenance payments during this time.

Child Support Agency

From July 2005 through until January 2012 I didn't receive any CSA maintenance until the arrears team tracked Simon Hvidbro-Mitchell down and started collecting £100pcm to clear arrears. On a number of occasions and until recently the <u>CSA</u> have advised that he claims he is not working and that his parents are supporting him. However I demonstrated to the <u>CSA</u> that his lifestyle was not in keeping with his lack of income and showed that his two children from his 3rd marriage are attending a local independent school in Maidstone with fees in the region of £2000pcm for 2 children. They then assessed him at £131pcm based on this information. I received this first payment mid Sept 2012. However, in an attempt to get this assessment set aside, on 15th October, Mr Hvidbro-Mitchell advised the <u>CSA</u> that he does not pay school fees for his children, but his ex-partners family did. This is now in the throes of a Tribunal Hearing (date yet to be set)

On 6th September 2012 his solicitor commented that Mr Hvidbro-Mitchell was working as a contractor. I subsequently sent the correspondence from his solicitor to the CSA to prove that he was actually working after all, despite his claims to the contrary. Material I received on 22nd February 2013 in relation to a forthcoming CSA Tribunal hearing showed that Mr Hvidbro-Mitchell's contract of employment started in March 2012.

After I notified the CSA that Mr Hvidbro-Mitchell was indeed working they managed to contact him and he advised them that he only earns £151 per week contracting in Saudi Arabia.

On 16th November 2012 his solicitor stated that his contract had been terminated as a result of my actions. In December the CSA advised that Mr Hvidbro-Mitchell had stopped making payments as he claimed his contract had been terminated due to my website and was thus unemployed. This is also the subject of a Tribunal Hearing.

I have posted the documents from the CSA on the Child Support Agency tab above. Further pertinent Tribunal Material will be posted shortly.

Family Background Information

Simon has been married 3 times with 2 children from each marriage. I believe he does not have any contact with his children from his first marriage either. This is based on discussions that the 4 children have had amongst themselves about their father

Scarlett and Jamie have stayed in contact with his parents (their grandparents) and have frequently spent holidays at their home in Maidstone. Jamie has implored his grandmother to facilitate contact with his father, but nothing has ever been forthcoming. Jamie has been desperately hurt by the absence of his father in their life. Scarlett doesn't remember her father as he left when she was only 2 years old. Sadly, Christmas 2012 came and went without any contact, card or present from their grandparents, unlike in previous years.

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DRS 12276 < hvidbro-mitchell.co.uk >

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Similarity

Ryanair, the World's most hated airline, have launched a new website design that resembles a steaming pile of cat puke on the pavement.



DRS 8527 <ihateryanair.co.uk>

pavement.

Gripe/Tribute Sites

- "Fair use may include sites operated solely in tribute to or in criticism of a person or business" Policy 4(b)
- <rayden-engineering.co.uk>
- <ihateryanair.co.uk>
- <opticalexpressruinedmylife.co.uk>
- Experts' Overview 4.8

Appeals

- the Expert Review Group
- "new evidence"
- appeals from summary decisions
- appeals to the Court

Review of the Overview & Policy

- Annual meetings of the Expert Review Group
- Annual Experts' meetings
- The Experts' Overview
- Nominet Consultation Process

