



Seminar

Professor Justin Hughes

Changes in law are driven by widespread changes in the conditions of economic exchange, in available technology, in accepted morality, and, just maybe, in human nature. The liability of internet service providers (ISPs) for copyright infringements by ISP customers is a small, intriguing – and unfinished – story of such legal development. In the period 1998 – 2004, the issue seemed to become settled – with legislatures around the world giving mainstream ISPs substantial protection from secondary liability for copyright infringements by Internet users.

But there are now shifts in the terrain – and those of us who thought the issue was largely settled may have been quite wrong. More and more, courts and legislators are calling on ISPs to have greater responsibility for copyright infringement by customers. In this talk, Professor Hughes explores the reassessment of ISP liability that is occurring on a variety of fronts, explaining how the resulting instability is the result of technological advances and changing business models; how some of these advances have decoupled policy considerations concerning copyright liability from other kinds of liability, particularly for defamation; and how

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