

The Internet and the law: work in progress

So far, courtrooms have seen legal topics related the Internet covering freedom of speech, fraud, censorship, intellectual property, privacy rights, telecommunications, copyright and commercial law. It seems technological innovation will provide more than enough to keep Congress, the executive branch, attorneys, judges and others involved in legal work busy until at least the next generation.

New laws and regulations inevitably follow massive and profound technological changes as societies come to grips with how new technologies may be used.

Given the extent of changes the Internet has fostered across nearly every aspect of modern life, it comes as no surprise that innovations dealing with Internet-related technologies are proving very fertile ground for innovation in the form of new laws, regulations, legal precedents and interpretations of existing law.

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