

Domain Name Law and Regulation

Wednesday 20 February 2008
4:00—6:30 pm
Monash University Law Chambers
472 Bourke St Melbourne

Seminar
&
Book Launch

Key Speakers

Dr Bruce Tonkin

Elected member, ICANN board
CTO, MelbourneIT

Chris Disspain

CEO, auDA
Chair, ICANN ccNSO

The Honourable Neil Brown QC

UDRP panelist
Member, ICSID

David Lindsay

Senior Lecturer
Monash University Law

The Honourable Tony Staley

Chair, auDA

The Domain Name System (DNS), which matches computer addresses to human-friendly domain names, has given rise to novel legal issues including the international arrangements for regulating the DNS and disputes involving the use of trade marks as domain names.

Well-known experts and policy-makers will share their views on the latest developments in this rapidly-moving field including insights from the ICANN February 2008 meeting in New Delhi.

The seminar will provide an update on the new process for introducing generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) as well as review recent developments in the international system for resolving disputes between trade marks and domain names, the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP).

The seminar coincides with the Australian launch of David Lindsay's new book, *International Domain Name Law: ICANN and the UDRP* (Hart, Oxford, 2007)



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16:00 **Welcome**

Chair: Michael Wolnizer
Partner, Davies Collison Cave

16:10 **Recent Developments at ICANN: the new gTLD process**

Dr Bruce Tonkin

16:30 **Recent Developments in Domain Name Governance: auDA, ICANN and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)**

Chris Disspain

16:50 Questions and Discussions

17:00 **The UDRP: Reflections after 8 years**

The Honourable Neil Brown QC

17:20 **Criticism Sites and the UDRP: Recent developments and emerging principles**

David Lindsay

17:40 Questions and Discussions

18:00 **BOOK LAUNCH**

David Lindsay, International Domain Name Law: ICANN and the UDRP

The Honourable Tony Staley

Speaker Profiles

Bruce Tonkin is Chief Technology Officer of MelbourneIT and an elected director of the board of ICANN (the international organisation responsible for managing the DNS). As immediate past Chair of ICANN's Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO), he was closely involved in the development of policy in controversial areas of new generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) and WHOIS services. Bruce previously directed a research venture at Monash University in partnership with Telstra and Siemens, and coordinated the operations of the Research Data Network Cooperative Research Centre (CRC).

Chris Disspain is CEO of au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA) the self regulatory body that governs the .au domain name space and manages the domain name system in Australia. Under his leadership auDA it has become self-funding, introduced competition into the domain name market in .au, simplified the policy regime and introduced an industry code of practice.

Chris is the Chair of ICANN's Country Code Name Supporting Organisation, the body that represents the interests of country code top level domain managers. He is also a Director of the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Organisation and a member of the United Nations Secretary General's Internet Governance Forum Advisory Group.

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Neil Brown has had a distinguished career in Government and the law; and actively involved in politics as a Minister, Shadow Minister, legislator and as a delegate to the United Nations and other international organisations. He is now undertaking a major role in mediation, arbitration, the conduct of inquiries, advocacy, general advice and consulting. Neil is a member of the Panel of Conciliators at the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) at Washington, USA and a prominent panelist for the resolution of disputes under ICANN's Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP).

David Lindsay is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Monash University teaching Intellectual Property Law, Copyright, Law of the Internet, Communications Law & Regulation and Trusts. He is the author of many articles and reports in the areas of intellectual property law, Internet law, communications law and privacy law. David is also a contributing author for Copyright and Designs Butterworths, Sydney, 1996) and the author of International Domain Name Law: ICANN and the UDRP (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2007).

Tony Staley is the Chair of au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA). He is a former Chairman of the Council of the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman Scheme and former member of the Telecommunications Industry Development Authority. In 2003, he served as a voting member of ICANN's Nominating Committee for selecting ICANN board members as the delegate of the country-code top-level domain registries. Tony was Federal President of the Liberal Party of Australia from 1993 to 1999, and Minister for Communications from 1977 to 1980.