

ICANN Staff

I would appreciate being considered for the WHOIS Review Team position left vacant by the resigning At Large representative.

I have always had a strong interest in WHOIS policy and practice as a result of my work and general curiosity about the functioning of the Internet. As a lawyer practicing in the field of intellectual property and Internet law, I have firsthand knowledge of both the important utility and significant limitations of the WHOIS as currently constituted and overseen. I am also aware of and sensitive to the important personal privacy issues, law enforcement issues and conflict of law issues that underlay WHOIS policy and practice.

I do not represent only or predominantly corporate or individual rights holders, individuals with privacy and civil rights concerns, or law enforcement. I do not believe that I harbor any significant bias or prejudice as respects any of the issues pertinent to the WHOIS debate.

I would enjoy the opportunity to assist in the improvement of WHOIS policy and operations through participation in the work of the Review Team as its At-Large representative.

Attached below is my SOI and a three page CV.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or need further information.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST STATEMENT for Vacant WHOIS Review Team At Large Position

1. Current vocation, employer, position: I am a U.S. licensed lawyer practicing in the areas of intellectual property, Internet law, commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution. I have almost thirty years experience, with approximately 20 years in my specialty areas. I am currently self-employed and am owner- manager of my law firm Seth M. Reiss, AAL, ALLLC dba lex-ip.com. Additional details concerning my firm, educational and professional background are available from www.lex-ip.com.
2. My practices includes the prosecution, litigation and licensing of patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and publicity rights; Internet law agreements, counsel and litigation including domain names; commercial dispute resolution usually implicating IPR rights but not always; arbitration and mediation of a wide variety of disputes. See, www.lex-ip.com.
3. I have no financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest in any registry, registrar or other companies that have a financial interest or contractual relationship with ICANN or affected or likely to be affected by ICANN policies except as follows: I am a member of the WIPO panel of UDRP arbitrators and decide two to three UDRP cases each year. I am paid \$1,000 for each case assigned and decided.
4. I have no commercial or non-commercial interest in ICANN GNSO policy development processes or outcomes except as follows:
 - (a) I am a member of the WIPO panel of UDRP arbitrators and decide two to three UDRP cases each year. I am paid \$1,000 for each case assigned and decided.
 - (b) I list my participation in ICANN supporting organizations on my website, resume and bios as part when marketing of legal services generally.
5. I am a representative of the Intellectual Property & Technology Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association, which is an originating ALS member of NARALO. I am also an applicant for the open ALAC NA noncom position left open by the resigning NA representative.

SETH M. REISS

Seth received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and Chemistry from New College of Florida, a Masters degree in Biochemistry from the University of Hawaii, a Juris Doctoris degree from the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law, and a L.L.M. degree in international and comparative law from the University of Cambridge. Seth was a member of the law review staff while at the Richardson School of Law.

Prior to forming his own firm in 2008, Seth clerked and held the position of staff attorney to the Hawaii Supreme Court, taught law at the University of Malaya, and practiced law in the public and private sectors. In the public sector Seth was a deputy public defender and deputy attorney general. In the private section Seth practiced with a small insurance defense firm, a mid-sized Honolulu generally practice firm then know as Watanabe Ing Kawashima where Seth was a partner and originated and headed the firm's intellectual property, technology and Internet law practice group, and most recently a partner and later of counsel to the Honolulu based IP boutique firm of Godbey Griffiths Reiss, LLP.

Seth practices all aspects of patent, trademark, copyright, technology and Internet law while also providing services in the areas of business law, commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

In addition to being admitted to practice law in Hawaii, Seth is admitted to the California bar, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court, and is a registered patent attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He has taught intellectual property law at Richardson Law School, and has served on the boards of the Hawaii Board of Bar Examiners, the Hawaii Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the Hawaii State Bar Association's International Law Section, and the Hawaii State Bar Association's Intellectual Property and Technology Section, a section Seth co-founded and twice chaired. Seth serves on the panel of arbitrators for WIPO administered domain name disputes, on the panel of neutral to the Dispute Prevention and Resolution, an ADR center in Honolulu, is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a representative within on of ICANN's supporting organizations. He is a frequent speaker and writer on intellectual property, technology and Internet law topics.

EDUCATION

1984	L.L.M.	International & Comparative Law, University of Cambridge, England
1980	J.D.	University of Hawai'i Richardson School of Law, Honolulu, Hawai'i
1977	M.S.	Biochemistry, University of Hawai'i, at Manoa, Hawai'i
1974	B.A.	Biology & Chemistry, New College of Florida, Sarasota, Florida

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1980	Licensed to practice law in Hawai'i
1981	Licensed to practice law in California (currently inactive)
1981	Registered Patent Attorney with the USPTO
1983	Licensed before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
2003	Licensed before the Federal Circuit Court of Appeal
2003	Licensed before the U.S. Supreme Court

COMMUNITY POSITIONS

2008-Present	Advisor, Eddie Aikau Foundation
2007-2009	Convener, Cambridge In America Hawai'i Chapter
2001-2005	President and Member, Board of Directors, Hawai'i Youth Opera Chorus, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
2000-2006	Member, Board of Directors, HiTech Quest, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2010-Present Neutral, Dispute Prevention and Resolution, Honolulu, Hawai`i
2007 Honorary Fellow, Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria
2006-Present Fellow, American Bar Foundation
2004-Present UDRP Panelist, World Intellectual Property Organization Arbitration and Mediation Center, Geneva
2004-Present Mediator, Medication Center of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawai`i
2003-2006 Member, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
1999 Adjunct Professor, Univ. of Hawai`i William S. Richardson School of Law
1995-Present Member, International Law Section, Hawai`i State Bar Association
1996-1998 Board Member, Hawai`i Institute for Continuing Legal Education
1996-2006 Member, Asia Pacific Bar Association and its Committee on Intellectual Property
1996-2002 Commentator, ABA Central and East European Law Institute
1991, 2003 Chairperson and Board Member, Intellectual Property & Technology Section, Hawai`i State Bar Association
1989-Present Arbitrator, Circuit Court Annexed Arbitration Program, Honolulu, Hawai`i
1987-1995 Hawai`i Board of Bar Examiners
1983 Mediator, Neighborhood Justice Center, Honolulu, Hawai`i
1982-1983 Litigation Committee Member, Am. Civil Liberties Union of Hawai`i

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- 2011 Editor and co-author of Hawaii chapter, *Legal Aspects of Doing Business in North America*, (Center for International Legal Studies and Juris Publishing).
- 2008-2010 Commentator on the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, *World Intellectual Property Rights and Remedies*, (Oxford University Press).
- 2006, 2008 U.S. Chapter, *The Internet: Laws and Regulatory Regimes*, (Center for International Legal Studies and Yorkhill Law Publishing).
- 1986 *International Copyright Protection*, [1986] *Journal of Malaysian and Comparative Law* 105.
- 1985 *Quantum for Future Loss in Personal Injury and Fatal Accident Cases After the Civil Law Amendment Act 1984*, [1985] 2 *Malayan Law Journal* lxii.