

Michael D. Palage



SUMMARY:

I am an information technology consultant who has been actively involved in ICANN operational and policy matters since its formation in both an individual capacity and leadership role, including a three-year term on the ICANN Board of Directors. I am currently President and CEO of Pharos Global, Inc. which provides consulting and management services to domain name registration authorities and other technology related companies in connection with broad range of Internet governance issues (intellectual property, consumer protection, and security). I have testified before the United States Congress on multiple occasions and as an expert witness in both Federal and State Court.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Pharos-Global, Inc. (formerly Palage Consulting)

President & CEO

Palm Beach, FL (June 2000 – Present)

Providing intellectual property, information technology and management consulting services to domain name registration authorities. Have worked with a wide range of gTLD registry applicants/operators (.INFO, .COOP, .ASIA, .MOBI, .JOBS and .POST) and ccTLDs administrators (.PR and .BM) with various business models (for profit, not for profit, and intergovernmental). Actively involved in ICANN and Internet governance issues.

The Progress & Freedom Foundation (PFF)

Adjunct Fellow

Washington, D.C. (Dec 2008 – Oct 2010)

The PFF is a 501(3)(C) nonprofit think tank that for over the past fifteen years has studied the digital revolution and its implications on public policy. As an Adjunct Fellow at the PFF I focused on ICANN, domain name, and Internet governance issues and their impact on public policy.

InfoNetworks, Inc. (formerly IP Warehouse, Inc.)

Vice-President, Chief Information Officer

Palm Beach, FL (June 1997 – June 2000)

An international computer service and consulting company providing high-end information services to the legal and business community in the area of safeguarding intellectual property

online through proprietary software which I co-invented. InfoNetworks was one of the first thirty-two ICANN accredited registrars to introduce competition into the generic domain name space. Responsible for product and client development, and the representation of InfoNetworks within ICANN.

Seidel, Gonda, Lavorgna & Monaco

Law Clerk

Philadelphia, PA (January 1994 - June 1997)

Researched and prepared legal memoranda, briefs, and pleadings in patent, trademark, copyright and right of publicity litigation. Extensive trademark experience in prosecution, cancellation, opposition and litigation proceedings.

Honorable Robert Gawthrop III

Student Intern

United States District Court, E.D.Pa. (Fall 1993)

Researched and drafted memorandum in a patent and trademark infringement case.

United States Department of Defense, (Navy – Philadelphia Naval Shipyard)

Electrical Engineer

Philadelphia, PA (June 1990 to January 1993)

Designed and developed communication, radar and security systems. Responsible for on-site inspection, plan design, procurement and engineering support. Required extensive interaction and communication with multi-disciplinary trades.

EXPERT TESTIMONY:

Office of the Attorney General Department of Legal Affairs v. Professional Resources System International, Inc. et al.,

Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County Florida No: CL-00-000067 AB

Go2Net, Inc. v. FreeYellow.com,

Superior Court of Washington for King County No. 00-2-27509-9SEA

Illinois High School Association, and the March Madness Athletic Association, L.L.C. v. Netfire, Inc. and Sports Marketing International, Inc.

United States District Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division NO.: 3:00-CV-0398-R

Ford Motor Company v. Unique Motorcars;

District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Civil Action No. 89-AR-1085-S

Frank Ballinger, et al. v. Keith Conrad, et al.,

Circuit Court for the Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Civil Action No. C-2002-80340.

Southern Grouts & Mortars v. 3M,

United States District Court Southern District of Florida Miami Division, Civil Action No. 07-61388-CIV

Petroliam Nasional Berhad v. GoDaddy,

United States District Court Northern District Of California, CASE NO.: 09-CV-5939 PJH

CONGRESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE TESTIMONY:

ICANN Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Oversight Hearing

United States House of Representatives – Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet. Committee on the Judiciary
Washington D.C. – May 2011

The Accuracy And Integrity Of The WHOIS Database,

United States House of Representatives – Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, Committee on the Judiciary
Washington D.C. – May 2002

The Impact of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act With Respect To Distant Learning Education,

United States Copyright Office
Washington D.C. - January 1999

EDUCATION:

Temple University School of Law, Juris Doctor
Philadelphia, PA, [REDACTED]

Drexel University, B.S.E.E.
Philadelphia, PA, [REDACTED]

INVENTIONS:

US Patent 6,018,801 - Method for authenticating electronic documents on a computer network.

US Patent 6,247,133 - Method for authenticating electronic documents on a computer network.