



2 [DNS Developments Feed Growing Cybersquatting Concerns](#) (www.wipo.int - 3/27/08)



Against the background of an unprecedented number of cybersquatting cases in 2007, the evolving nature of the domain name registration system (DNS) is causing growing concern for trademark owners around the world. Last year, a record 2,156 complaints alleging cybersquatting - or the abusive registration of trademarks on the Internet - were filed with the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center (Center), representing an 18% increase over 2006 and a 48% increase over 2005 in the number of generic and country code Top Level Domain (gTLDs and ccTLDs) disputes.

The entire article can be found at:
wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article_0015.html

3 [Newton woman's mission: Protecting property from eminent domain](#)

By Stephen J. Novak (New Jersey Herald-3/30/08)



Connie Sutton's Hicks Avenue home was among the 26 houses originally included in a plan to redevelop one of three areas in Newton. It was her fear that the town would take her home through a legal process known as "eminent domain" that she began attending Planning Board hearings, appealing to local officials to have her home and others removed from the plan.

Sutton and others succeeded in having their homes removed from the plan after hearings in December. But after meeting other residents who shared her concerns, Sutton decided to continue attending hearings for the proposed Railroad District redevelopment area around Diller Avenue, and she helped found the grassroots organization Derrail Abusive Redevelopment in Newton.

The entire article can be found at:
njherald.com/291337048044185.php

4 [MISMO & PRIA Publish IP Property Rights Disclosure Draft](#) (dsnews.com 3/28/08)

Recognizing that electronic mortgage transactions continue to grow in the mortgage banking industry and are advantageous when it comes to streamlining the transaction process, MISMO, the data standard subsidiary of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) and the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) have published the Intellectual Property Rights Disclosure Draft of a Business Requirements Document.

According to the MBA, the draft lays out the business requirements that should be met when dealing with electronic document formats like MISMO SMART Doc, eSigned PDF and Adobe Intelligent Document Format, as well as Microsoft Word that has embedded XML.

The entire article can be found at:
www.dsnews.com/view_story.cfm?id=2229

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I invite you all to join the new Property Rights Action Caucus for weekly information & for defending these rights. Our liberties are only as secure as our property rights.

We will examine: eminent domain, federal government property ownership, downloading of multimedia, the Endangered Species Act, patent reform, pharmaceutical issues, compulsory licensing, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & all issues of land and intellectual property.

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5 [Intellectual property rights assistance center set up in Shanghai](#) (People's Daily Online-3/28/08)

In recent years, Shanghai's intellectual property (IP) rights cases, especially IP rights cases related to foreigners, have been on the rise. In order to provide the necessary advisory services and specialized assistance to the IP rights obligee and other parties, the Shanghai Intellectual Property Assistance Center formally opened on March 27.

This is another big move to enhance the power of intellectual property rights protection and perfect the IP rights public service system, said Chen Zhixing, director of the Shanghai Intellectual Property Administration.

The entire article can be found at:
<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/6382951.html>

For more information on the Property Rights Action Caucus, please visit <http://broun.house.gov/prac>. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Caucus please contact Stephen Kraly at 202.225.4101 or Stephen.Kraly@mail.house.gov.