Copyright, DRM Technology, and Consumer Protection

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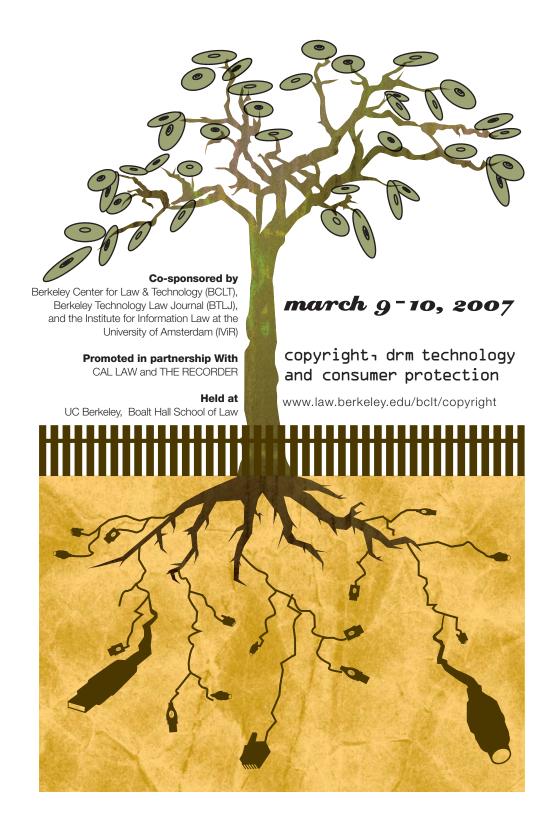
Predictions that digital rights management (DRM) technologies will be the predominant mode of distribution of digital content have been prevalent for at least the last decade. Yet, roll-out of DRM technologies has been somewhat slower than many expected, in part owing to consumer resistance to some DRM content and in part owing to the technical challenges that must be overcome to create the infrastructure for DRM content. Many digital content providers believe that DRM content will be good for consumers because it enables new opportunities for content to be delivered in a variety of packages.

However, technically protected content can raise significant consumer protection concerns. One example is Sony BMG's sale of copy-protected CDs that installed "rootkit" software on the computers of purchasers, making their computers vulnerable to attack. Another example is legislation recently proposed in France to require firms, such as Apple, to disclose information to enable other digital music platforms besides the iPod to be interoperable with iTunes music.

This conference will facilitate cross-disciplinary and cross-industry discussion on this important topic. Seven invited papers will be published in a symposium volume of BTLJ following the conference. These articles, as well as discourse among panelists, will contribute to the policy debate and to the literature on DRM and consumer protection law and policy issues.

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Conference Schedule

Friday, March 9

8:00-8:25 REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:25-8:30 INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

Robert Barr, BCLT

8:30-10:30 BUSINESS MODELS ENABLED BY DRM TECHNOLOGIES

Moderator - Anthony Malutta, Townsend and Townsend and Crew

Dean Marks, Warner Brothers Victoria Bassetti, EMI Music Tom Rubin, Microsoft Corp.

Todd Alberstone, RealNetworks, Inc.

Gerard Lewis, Comcast

Andrew Bridges, Winston & Strawn Hal Varian, iSchool, UC Berkelev

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:30 PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES TO DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TO ENABLE

(SOME) PRIVILEGED USES

Moderator - Marc Kauffman, Nixon Peabody

Susan Landau, Sun Microsystems

Rene van Buuren, Telematica Institute, Netherlands David Sohn, Center for Democracy and Technology

Edward Felten, Princeton University Julie Cohen, Georgetown Univ. Law Center

12:30-2:00 DAVID NELSON MEMORIAL KEYNOTE LECTURE

Introduction - Jim Bennett, Morrison & Foerster Commissioner J. Thomas Rosch. FTC

2:00-3:30 WHAT ROLE SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT PLAY IN ENABLING OR

REGULATING DRM TECHNOLOGIES?

Moderator - Neel Chatterjee, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe

Justin Hughes, Cardozo Law School

Gigi Sohn, Public Knowledge

David Carson, Copyright Office

Molly Van Houweling, BCLT & Boalt Hall School of Law Richard Owens, World Intellectual Property Organization

3:30-4:00 BREAK

4:00-5:30 CAN ANTI-CIRCUMVENTION RULES BE MADE CONSISTENT WITH PRIVILEGED

Moderator - Bob Steinberg, Latham & Watkins

Dan Burk, Univ. of Minnesota Law School

Jerome H. Reichman, Duke Law School

Graeme Dinwoodie, Chicago-Kent Law School

Nic Garnett, Interight.com

lan Kerr, Univ. of Ottawa Law School

5:45-7:00 CONFERENCE RECEPTION AT THE BERKELEY ART MUSEUM

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Saturday, March 10

8:00-8:30 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30-9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Introduction - Pamela Samuelson, BCLT

Lynne Brindley, Chief Executive of the British Library

9:00-10:30 CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES POSED BY SONY BMG COPY-PROTECTED CDS

Moderator - Laurence Pulgram, Fenwick & West

Deirdre Mulligan, BCLT, Samuelson Clinic, & Boalt Hall School of Law

Cindy Cohn, Electronic Frontier Foundation Natali Helberger, University of Amsterdam

Jane Winn, University of Washington School of Law

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:30 INTEROPERABILITY CONCERNS ABOUT DRM TECHNOLOGIES

Moderator - Roger Ross, McDermott, Will & Emery

Julien Dourgnon, Que Choisir

Stefan Bechtold, Max Planck Institute

Mitch Singer, Sony Pictures

Pamela Samuelson, BCLT, iSchool, & Boalt Hall School of Law

12:30-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-3:00 CONSUMER PROTECTION: INSIDE OF COPYRIGHT LAW OR OUTSIDE?

Moderator - Peter Menell, BCLT & Boalt Hall School of Law

Bernt Hugenholtz, Univ. of Amsterdam Law School

Niva Elkin-Koren, Univ. of Haifa Law School

Joseph P. Liu, Boston College Law School

Peter Swire, Ohio State Univ. Law School

Luis Villarroel Villalon, Chile Ministry of Education



