FAST Legal Advisory Group (FLAG) Leads Debate on Cloud Computing Law and Latest Trends in Internet Piracy

FLAG, the Federation Against Software Theft's (FAST) Legal Advisory Group, has organised an event at Mayer Brown International LLP on Wednesday 8th June 2011 to discuss hot topics including Cloud Computing Law and the Digital Economy Act (DEA).

With a host of industry experts speaking on internet piracy, cloud computing Law and UK copyright Law, the event presents the chance for those operating in the legal sector and business decision makers to gain a good understanding of the threats and opportunities potentially facing their organisation in 2011.

Dawn Osborne, Partner at intellectual property specialists Palmer Biggs Legal and Chair of FLAG, comments: "The FLAG events comprise a wealth of legal knowledge and are a great way for all those in the legal sector or business in general to come together and discuss digital and copyright issues as well as gain valuable insight into those who are considering the rights and wrongs. It will be a very interesting event particularly as it includes topics such as cloud computing law where there is much confusion."

Mark Prinsley, Head of the Intellectual Property and IT practice at Mayer Brown said: "Senior business leaders are increasingly realising that privacy and security concerns are the most significant risks affecting the adoption of cloud based solutions. Business must balance the privacy and security risks against the potential benefits offered by cloud computing. As advisors we welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues."

FLAG was established shortly after FAST was founded in 1984, and consists of lawyers from many of the UK's leading firms with Intellectual Property practices. FLAG meets several times a year to receive presentations on pertinent topics and review legal developments affecting the software industry.

The event will also give some insight into the landscape post the judicial review brought by BT and TalkTalk against certain sections of the Digital Economy Act 2010; the latest trends in internet piracy including the use of 'cyber lockers' and other techniques.

Speakers include:

1. Renzo Marchini, Cloud Computing Law & Myth BustingRenzo is Counsel at the international law firm Dechert LLP (http://www.dechert.com/lawyers/lawyers.jsp?pg=detail&id=257).
An expert on cloud computing law and author of, 'Cloud Computing: A Practical Introduction to the Legal Issues' currently available including from Amazon. Questions are encouraged.

2. Tim Heath, Business Development Director at Dtecnet
Tim will walk us through the latest trends in internet piracy including the use of 'cyber lockers' and other techniques which can be used to facilitate online piracy. Background information on Dtecnet may be found at http://dtecnet.com/

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a. A representative of The Hargreaves IP Review (http://www.ipo.gov.uk/ipreview.htm) anticipated to present a summary of findings and possible outcomes. Much attention was given to the consideration of 'fair use' as an alternative to the current, 'fair dealing' regime encapsulated in UK copyright law.

b. Adrian Brazier from DCMS
Will talk about the landscape post the judicial review brought by BT and TalkTalk against certain sections of the Digital Economy Act 2010. General information on this may be found at http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/8060.aspx

Join FAST and its guest speakers,
10:00 for 10:30 am start. Close 12:30 pm.
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