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**Subject:** Re: Ga. State Code Article?  
**Date:** September 21, 2015 at 2:24 PM  
**To:** Alex Koma [alex.koma@statescoop.com](mailto:alex.koma@statescoop.com)

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I don't want to discuss the details of the litigation.

We filed a cross-complaint. The next step is the plaintiffs will answer the cross-complaint.

A judge is already presiding over the case. It is an action in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

On Sep 21, 2015, at 2:22 PM, Alex Koma <[alex.koma@statescoop.com](mailto:alex.koma@statescoop.com)> wrote:

Hi Carl

That's really helpful, thanks.

At this point, what do you know about the next legal steps for this? Do you know when a judge might start reviewing the case?

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On Sep 18, 2015, at 5:01 PM, Carl Malamud <[carl@media.org](mailto:carl@media.org)> wrote:

Go look at Virginia states Decided from Waldo Jaquith or [dccode.org](http://dccode.org) done by volunteers.

If we prevail innovation will flourish (and democracy!). If not you will need a license to speak the law.

Sent from [my.phone.org](http://my.phone.org).

On Sep 18, 2015, at 1:29 PM, Alex Koma <[alex.koma@statescoop.com](mailto:alex.koma@statescoop.com)> wrote:

Hi Carl

Sorry in my delay for responding this, but yes, I did get a chance to read over the complaint.

The only lingering question I had after that involves what kind of an impact a finding in your favor might have on other people looking to design around state codes. How do you think it could end up changing state law websites overall?

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On Sep 18, 2015, at 4:03 PM, Carl Malamud <[carl@media.org](mailto:carl@media.org)> wrote:

Hi Alex –

You didn't answer my email.

Do you have what you need? Do you see our cross-complaint?

Carl

On Sep 15, 2015, at 1:34 PM, Carl Malamud <[carl@media.org](mailto:carl@media.org)> wrote:

Did you get a chance to read our cross complaint? We say a lot in there.

Sent from [my.phone.org](mailto:my.phone.org).

On Sep 15, 2015, at 1:31 PM, Alex Koma <[alex.koma@statescoop.com](mailto:alex.koma@statescoop.com)> wrote:

Hi Carl

We were just getting ready to publish our piece on all this, but wanted to touch base with you before we did now that you all have filed the countersuit.

Do you have any specific thoughts on the decision to file that suit you'd want to add after our conversation? What do you think it can achieve?

Appreciate it.

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On Sep 3, 2015, at 2:33 PM, Carl Malamud <[carl@media.org](mailto:carl@media.org)> wrote:

My desk line is 707-827-7290.

Attached is a list of pieces I've seen about Georgia. Take them with a grain of salt ... not all of them are accurate. Daily Report, AP, and LA Times all did a pretty good job.

The docket for the case is here:

<http://archive.org/download/gov.uscourts.gand.218354/gov.uscourts.gand.218354.docket.html>

Our reply is due 9/14.

Talk to you tomorrow.

Carl

On Sep 3, 2015, at 11:31 AM, Alex Koma <[alex.koma@statescoop.com](mailto:alex.koma@statescoop.com)> wrote:

Hi Carl

That sounds good to me.

What would be a good number for me to reach you on? Or you can always give me a call at 571-274-

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ABA Journal:

[http://www.abajournal.com/mobile/article/State\\_of\\_Georgia\\_sues\\_Carl\\_Malamud\\_says\\_he\\_published\\_its\\_annotated\\_code\\_of](http://www.abajournal.com/mobile/article/State_of_Georgia_sues_Carl_Malamud_says_he_published_its_annotated_code_of)

Ars Technica: <http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2015/07/georgia-sues-legal-rebel-for-posting-states-copyrighted-law-online/>

Associated Press: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Georgia-sues-over-distribution-of-state-law-6410857.php>

Atlanta Journal Constitution: <http://www.myajc.com/news/news/state-regional-govt-politics/georgia-accuses-transparency-activist-of-using-str/nm724/>

Boing Boing: <http://boingboing.net/2015/07/24/georgia-suing-carl-malamud-ca.html>

Courthouse News Service: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2015/08/04/georgia-seeks-to-block-laws-publication.htm>

Daily Report: <http://www.dailyreportonline.com/id=1202733331717/State-Says-Annotated-Official-Code-Is-Copyrighted?slreturn=20150629181615>

Engadget: <http://www.engadget.com/2015/07/26/georgia-sues-over-state-law-posts/>

Georgia Public Radio: <https://soundcloud.com/onsecondthought/full-show-july-31-2015>

Georgia Assembly: <http://www.house-press.com/?p=5088>

LA Times: <http://www.latimes.com/business/hiltzik/la-fi-mh-state-of-georgia-copyright-wall-20150727-column.html#page=1>

National Law Review: <http://www.natlawreview.com/article/georgia-becomes-first-state-to-mount-direct-challenge-against-unauthorized-publishin>

Liberty Upward: [http://libertyupward.com/editorial-legal-review-the-state-of-georgia-vs-carl-malamud-and-your-right-to-access-government-documents/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+LibertyCrier+%28Liberty+Crier%29](http://libertyupward.com/editorial-legal-review-the-state-of-georgia-vs-carl-malamud-and-your-right-to-access-government-documents/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+LibertyCrier+%28Liberty+Crier%29)

New American: <http://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/item/21349-georgia-sues-website-for-publishing-the-laws-of-georgia>

Slashdot: <http://yro.slashdot.org/story/15/07/25/0258257/georgia-lawmakers-sue-carl-malamud-for-publishing-georgia-law>

TechDirt: <https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20150723/17125231743/state-georgia-sues-carl-malamud-copyright-infringement-publishing-states-own-laws.shtml>

TechDirt: <https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20150726/23080731763/even-if-state-georgia-can-copyright-legal-annotations-should-it.shtml>

The Register: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/07/25/georgia\\_sues\\_terrorist\\_for\\_publishing\\_its\\_own\\_laws/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/07/25/georgia_sues_terrorist_for_publishing_its_own_laws/)

US Glass Magazine: <http://www.usglassmag.com/2015/07/who-owns-legally-binding-construction-codes/>

WABE NPR Station: <http://wabe.org/post/georgia-sues-website-publishing-states-annotated-laws>

Young Turks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Myw7DeOB3Fc>

