

From: Carl Malamud carl@media.org
Subject: Re: Code Revision Commission et al. v. Public.Resource.Org Inc. - comment?
Date: August 25, 2015 at 1:12 PM
To: melissa.sachs@thomsonreuters.com

There is only one official law of Georgia, and that is the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Every bill passed by the Georgia General Assembly begins with the words "An Act ... to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated." The so-called "free" site provided by the General Assembly comes with stringent terms of use and is explicitly unofficial. In the United States, citizens have the right to read and speak the law to inform the fellow citizens, and that is what Public.Resource.Org did. We're confident we will prevail.

89 words. Does that work for you?

On Aug 25, 2015, at 12:28 PM, <melissa.sachs@thomsonreuters.com> <melissa.sachs@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

This is awesome.

Okay, I may write briefly about the complaint and then write a longer follow-up when the answer is filed.

Let me know if you'd like to include a brief comment in response to the complaint. I can generally include about 1-3 sentences (30-120 words). I prefer to receive comments over email to ensure their accuracy.

Thank you!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carl Malamud [<mailto:carl@media.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 3:17 PM
To: Sachs, Melissa (Legal)
Subject: Re: Code Revision Commission et al. v. Public.Resource.Org Inc. - comment?

There's a 30-day extension. Response is due September 14 (which means it is do September 11).

Have you seen my congressional testimony on the subject of edicts of government, which discusses Georgia? It is from January 2014, so had not been sued, but I was in receipt of takedown notices.

<https://public.resource.org/edicts/>

You might also wish to look at the paper trail between the state and our 501(c)(3) nonprofit:

<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/ga/>

Finally, there was a cover story in the ABA Journal last year on the general topic:

http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/who_owns_the_law_technology_reignites_the_war_over_public_document/

There has also been quite a bit of press about the situation. I've attached pointers to some of those if you find that useful. In particular, you might find the Daily Report analysis useful. The AP story was also pretty good.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Carl

ABA Journal:

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.myaic.com/news/news/state-regional-govt-politics/georgia-accuses->

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
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/
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>

