

From: Carl Malamud carl@media.org
Subject: Re: AJC
Date: July 28, 2015 at 9:35 AM
To: Bluestein, Greg (CMG-Atlanta) Greg.Bluestein@ajc.com

Great talking to you!

The back and forth with Georgia was this link:

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

My point on innovation is a really important one ... when only one organization has the official license to present the law to citizens, you get the kind of stuff Lexis is giving Georgia. Again, the state has every right to build a web site, even a bad one, but this is about preventing others from making better ones.

In Chicago, this is what the official code looks like from the vendor:

[http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Illinois/chicago_il/municipalcodeofchicago?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:chicago_il](http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Illinois/chicago_il/municipalcodeofchicago?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:chicago_il)

Not bad. But, compare it to this, which is done by volunteers:

<http://chicagocode.org/>

Here is what the Chicago City Clerk had to say about Georgia:

<https://twitter.com/chicityclerk/status/625687752378589185>

I think Clerk Mendoza's communications director is Pat Corcoran and he is/was at 312-744-8590.

The other example is the DC District Code. Again, when restrictions were dropped on the code, a bunch of volunteers got together and built a vastly better web site:

<http://dccode.org/>

Compare to the Lexis site:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/dccode/>

General Counsel of DC was V. David Zvenyach. He now works for the federal government.

Carl

On Jul 28, 2015, at 8:38 AM, Carl Malamud <carl@media.org> wrote:

Saw the post you did ... is that your story or are you still working on it?

On Jul 28, 2015, at 7:56 AM, Carl Malamud <carl@media.org> wrote:

Sure, I'd be happy to talk. You want to call me? I'm free for the next hour, then dive into phone calls. 707.827.7290. Email is fine if you prefer.

Do you have the background materials that I've posted?

1. The court case is here:

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

2. My paper trail with the state of Georgia is here:

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

3. My testimony on Edicts of Government, including a discussion of Georgia, is here:

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

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(if you follow the links to the internet archive full hearing, 7 members took a strong stance on this subject, including 2 Georgia congressman (Hank Johnson and Doug Collins) as well as Darrell Issa and Zoe Lofgren ... scroll down into the description and you'll have direct links to their statements)

4. We had a similar showdown with Oregon but no court case. They did the civilized thing and held hearings and then decided that the law belongs to the people.

<https://public.resource.org/oregon.gov/>

<https://blogs.law.harvard.edu/infolaw/2008/04/16/can-states-copyright-their-statutes/>

On Jul 28, 2015, at 7:49 AM, Bluestein, Greg (CMG-Atlanta) <Greg.Bluestein@ajc.com> wrote:

Hi Carl,

Do you have any comment on Georgia's lawsuit? Would love to include it in my story.

Greg Bluestein
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Sent from my iPhone