News and Information

Students pursuing paper topics: below are some helpful sources for internet law news and issues, as well as a list of general topics mentioned in class.

Privacy / Free Speech / Civil Liberties sites:

Center for Democracy and Technology (www.cdt.org)

Electronic Frontier Foundation (www.eff.org)

Electronic Privacy Information Center (www.epic.org)

ICANN Watch (www.icannwatch.org)

Internet News Sources:

Packets (Stanford)(cyberlaw.stanford.edu/packets)

BNA's Internet Law News (free subscription) (www.bna.com/ilaw/)

General topics:

Intellectual Property
Copyright

- Application of Supreme Court's decision in MGM v. Groksterto other file-sharing technologies.
- Possible legislative alternatives to the FCC's failedregulatory "broadcast flag" effort
- Breadth of DMCA; application to after-market products and/or reverse engineering (see, e.g., Lexmark Int'l v. Static Control Components; Davidson & Assoc. v. Internet Gateway, Inc.(a/k/a Blizzard v. BnetD))

Trademark

- Reverse domain name hijacking
- Evolution of the law w/r/t ".sucks" domains
- WIPO arbitration vs. ACPA

Computer Crime

- Combatting spyware (existing law; possible legislative responses)
- Combatting phishing (existing law; possible legislative responses)

Data Privacy

- Privacy issues in VOIP (e.g., location tracking)
- RFID (radio frequency identification) devices
- Government access/use of personally identifiable information from commercial sources

Free Expression

- Anonymity; CyberSLAPP and John Doe cases
- Bloggers' rights / liabilities

Internet Governance

- Internet Governance Report (recently released by UN-chartered Working Group on Internet Governance)
- Proposals for structural reform of ICANN