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WHAT TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT Legal and Practical Issues In E-Commerce Data Alto, California December 1, 2016 Peter M. Watt-Morse Andrew J. Gray IV



Introduction

- Two Functions of Electronic Communications
 - > Delivery Service
 - Electronic Contracting

- Advantages
 - Speed / Ease of Modification
 - Drafting Tools
 - Spell Check , Numbering, Search/Replace, Track Changes
- Disadvantages
 - Speed / Ease of Modification
 - Hidden changes / Metadata
 - Is this the last draft or the signed copy

- Solutions
 - Comparison programs
 - Signed PDF files
 - E-mail / Contract Database systems
 - Digital Signatures
 - Metadata control

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■ 1. → Agreement¶

This-Agreement-governs-Your-access, receipt and use of any-Software or Services

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- Examples
 - ➤ E-mail
 - EDI (Electronic Data Interchange)
 - Click-Wrap
 - (I Accept)
 - Browse-Wrap
 - (Site Use Terms)

- Applicable Contract Law
 - > UCC (Goods)
 - Informal
 - Missing Terms
 - Common Law (Licenses)
 - Historical telex, fax, etc.
 - Apply UCC

- State Variances
 - > <u>AOL v. Booker</u> (Fla.2001) (enforce VA choice of law)
 - AOL v. Williams (Mass.2001) (no enforcement of VA choice of law)
 - Brower v. Gateway 2000 (NY 1998) (enforce arbitration provision)
 - Klocek v. Gateway (Kansas 2000) (no enforcement of arbitration provision)

UCC Issues

- Battle of Forms
 - Traditional Mirror Image Rule
 - No contract until last version –
 "Last Shot Rule"
 - Current UCC Formation
 - Contract Formed at time of non-mirror response

UCC Issues

- Current UCC Terms Complex
- Additional Terms
 - Apply unless other side objects or materially alters contract
- Conflicting Terms No law
 - Varies between States
 - Many become "First Shot" states



- Conduct
 - Only Agreed Terms Missing terms filled in by UCC
- Proposed Amendments
 - No difference how formed
 - Agreed terms with missing filled in by UCC

- Unsigned Forms
 - ProCD v. Zeidenberg (7th Cir. 1996)
 - Accord: <u>Stenzel v. Dell</u>, (Me 2005); <u>Meridian v. Hardin</u> (ED Cal 2006)
 - Lessons
 - Legends Click-wrap
 - Agreement Terms

- Click-Wrap Agreement
 - "I Accept" clicked terms enforceable
 - i.Lan v. Netscout (D. Mass. 2002) (enforcement for distributor that installed / clicked)
 - Feldman v. Google (E.D. Pa 2007) and <u>Novak v.</u> <u>Overture</u> (E.D. NY 2004) (Google terms enforceable including arbitration)
 - A.V. v. iParadigms (E.D. Va. 2009) (liability limit enforceable)

- Browse wrap Agreements
 - No "I Accept" Enforceability Issues
 - Need to demonstrate party knew purchase subject to agreement terms and terms were readily available to review
 - Specht v. Netscape (S.D.N.Y. 2001) (aff'd. 2d.Cir. 2002) ("Download" click; terms hidden; arbitration provision unenforceable)

- Recent Cases
 - In re Zappos (D. Nev. 2012) (no acceptance, no legends, order without seeing arbitration terms)
 - Nyguyen v. Barnes & Noble (9th Cir. 2014) (link one of many on each page; no legends; arbitration unenforceable)
 - Sgouros v. TransUnion (7th Cir. 2016) (Accept for credit authorization not agreement terms; no legends; arbitration unenforceable)

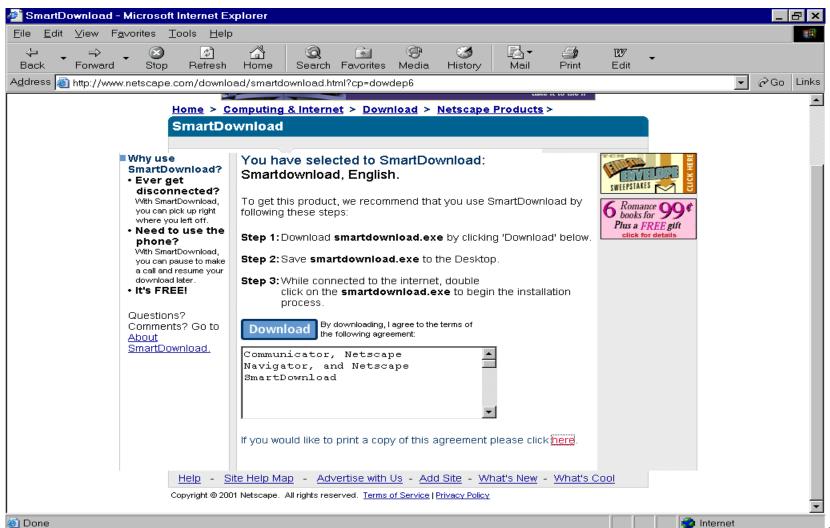
- Additional Issues
 - Unconscionable terms unenforceable
 - <u>Comb v. PayPal</u> (Cal. 2002) (ability to withhold disputed payments; unilaterally change terms)
 - <u>Douglas v. U.S.</u> (9th Cir. 2007) (AOL browse wrap terms for unilateral changes including new service charges; arbitration; waive class action)

- Additional Issues
 - User and User actions impact enforceability
 - <u>Nyguyen v. Barnes & Noble</u> (9th Cir. 2014) (terms unenforceable against consumers enforceable against businesses)
 - <u>Register v. Vario</u> (2d Cir. 2004); <u>Southwest v. Broad</u> <u>first</u> (N.D. Tex. 2007) (repeated access to site)

- Drafting issues
 - > View Terms before Assent
 - Assent Before Access To Product
 - Clear disclosure of terms Notice of consequences of assent or reject
 - Clear method of assent ("I Accept")

- Drafting issues
 - Record of assent
 - Customary agreement terms
 - Notice and acceptance of Updates

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Writings / Signatures

- Statute of Frauds
 - Writing Requirement
- Signature Requirement
 - Electronic Signatures (vs. Digital Signatures)
 - > UETA (Uniform Electronic Transaction Act)
 - 43 States
 - ➢ E-Sign

(Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act)

– Federal Law (6-30-00)

Writings / Signatures

- UETA
 - Electronic = Paper Signature
 - > No change in substantive
- E-Sign
 - Electronic = Paper Signature for Interstate Commerce
 - Exceptions UCC, Estates, Family Law, Foreclosure, Insurance cancellations
 - Pre-emption

Digital Signatures

- Issues
 - Identity of Party
 - Document Modification
- Methods for Digital Signatures
 - Password
 - Biometrics

Digital Signatures

- Public Key Encryption
 - Creation of Signature Use of Encryption
 - Hash Function
 - Commercial Vendors
 - DocuSign
 - Digicert
 - MS Word

- Technology underlying Bitcoin no need for intermediary
 - Distributed ledger system creates digital record of ownership of an asset
 - Peer-to-peer network of computers
 - Each "block" contains a record with a unique cryptographic signature that is time stamped and contains a link to a "chain" of prior blocks
 - No block can be changed without breaking the chain and system provides a complete record of the sequence of events

- Potential Applications
 - Financial Institutions potential savings in settling transactions and other back-office functions without the need for third-party verification
 - Letters of credit that automatically initiate payment upon arrival of a shipment
 - Investment vehicles that provide automatic returns without the need for human intervention
 - Automatic and distributed payment systems for intellectual property such as copyrighted music

- Potential Issues
 - > Privacy
 - Private personal or financial information that is required for a transaction becomes public information Private Block-chains
 - Scalability
 - Blockchain Bloat Longer chains become, longer to download, more computing power required and longer takes to verify a transaction.
 - Legal Issues
 - Illicit transactions; Correcting error in Chain; Jurisdiction issues

- Current Developments
 - Chamber of Digital Commerce
 - Lawyers Committee
 - Hyperledger Project
 - Formed by Linux Foundation -12/15 80 members
- Caution
 - ➢ R3 CEV LLC
 - Goldman Sachs

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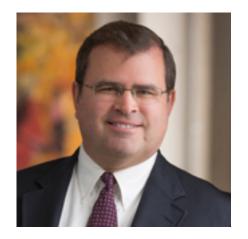


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