

to quash the lawsuit if there is a case of mistaken identity.

\* **RIAA on Lawsuits**

\* **RIAA FAQ on John Doe Lawsuits**

\* **EFF on 532**

**Recording Industry can't have names of music downloaders**

**firstamendmentcenter.org:** "A federal appeals court today rejected efforts by the recording industry to compel the nation's Internet providers to identify subscribers accused of illegally distributing music online. In a substantial setback for the industry's controversial anti-piracy campaign, the three-judge panel from the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia **overturned** a ruling by a trial judge to enforce a copyright subpoena." **Jane Doe ruling limits effect of RIAA legal defeat:** "This provides a road map to the RIAA. While (absent a successful appeal) they may no longer issue hundreds of blanket DMCA subpoenas - at least in the District of Columbia - they can file hundreds of blanket 'John Doe' copyright infringement lawsuits and then issue hundreds of ordinary civil subpoenas. Or, they can go to Congress and have the DMCA amended to specifically include P2P networks. So while the court ruling may slow the RIAA, there are many other arrows in their quiver."

- **EFF on RIAA v. Verizon**
- **RIAA Launching New Lawsuits Anyway**

**Canada deems P2P downloading legal**

**News.com:** "Downloading copyrighted music from peer-to-peer networks is legal in Canada, although uploading files is not, Canadian copyright regulators said in a ruling released Friday."

**RIAA Lawsuits by the numbers**

- **1,000:** average # of songs made available for other computer users to copy from their hard drives by lawsuit targets
- **382:** the number of people the music-industry lobbying group has sued since September
- **220:** total # of settlements resulting from individual law suits
- **79:** age of one of the recent **RIAA victims** (who does not even own a computer nor can he operate one)
- **41:** recent # of lawsuits launched by the RIAA
- **\$3,000:** Average Settlement Value of RIAA v. Consumer lawsuits
- **64%:** heightened public awareness of the illegality of copying music using online services such as Kazaa and Grokster

Stats parsed via **Recording Industry Continues Legal Duel Against Web Piracy** (WSJ sub req'd).

**Should ISP subscribers pay for P2P?**

Distributed Computing Industry Association proposal: peer-to-peer users would pay a flat monthly fee to the **networks** or to Internet service providers, which would be divided up among the record labels and musicians whose songs were downloaded.

**[Peer-To-Peer Group Floats Scheme to Pay for Music or Should ISP subscribers pay for P2P?]** Don't be surprised though if the current p2p networks just have their own self interests in mind with this or similar proposals. *See also:* **Group seeks political power for P2P:** A new nonprofit organization aimed at welding file-swapping and open-source computing advocates into a political force is launching online this week.