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Former Iviewit CEO speaks out about patent thefts by patent attorneys from Proskauer Rose and MPEG

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Summary:

P. Stephen Lamont, former Iviewit CEO, responds to recent press regarding the Iviewit patent thefts committed and investigations now underway.

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Re: MPEG - Proskauer Stealing Inventions - by P. Stephen Lamont on Apr 11th, 2006 @ 11:00pm posted at Techdirt ~ "...I am P. Stephen Lamont, the former CEO of Iviewit Holdings, Inc...from 2001 to 2005, with more than a fifteen year track record as a multimedia technology and consumer electronics executive and holder of a J.D. in Intellectual Property Law [Columbia], an M.B.A in Finance, and a B.S. in Industrial Engineering... I found myself leading a company in the midst of a cover up of the aforementioned depictions of frauds, deceits, and misrepresentations that run so wide and so deep that it tears at the very fabric of what has become to be know as free commerce in this country, and, in the fact that it pertains to inventors rights, tears at the very fabric of the Constitution of the United States. Furthermore...alleged breaches of confidentiality pertaining to Iviewit technology, transfers of trade secrets, and, even in certain circumstances, the knowing and willful invention fraud by the outright switching of signature pages of patent filings by early patent counsels. Additionally, during my tenure, I was in possession of an executed patent application pertaining to Iviewit's core imaging technology...when, out of thin air, and just prior to filing, such patent application witnesses the addition of a one Brian G. Utley ("Utley") as an inventor, and an individual who could not have been farther from the heat of the inventive stage of the imaging technology...patent counsel [attorney Kenneth Rubenstein of Proskauer Rose and MPEG LA attorney], who had spent half a lifetime procuring technologies for the transmission of full screen, full frame rate video...were so fearful that Iviewit would partner with other proprietary technologies...the Iviewit inventions HAD to be buried to preserve those pools. That was the first step, with the second step, through the direct and indirect introductions of Iviewit, with executed NDA's, to some five hundred potential licensees by colleagues of patent counsel, being the proliferation of Iviewit disclosures across a wide array of potential licensees and competitors (have you ever wondered why the free download of Windows Media Encoder defaults to a 320x240 frame size, the first essential characteristic of the Iviewit video scaling technology that proceeds to innovate and enhance that frame size?)." "...Lastly, does it seem too far fetched when you include house break-ins, death threats, car bombings, and wrongful evictions? I further submit that I had been a victim as well...Still too unbelievable? Then recall the browser wars, particularly the Internet Explorer/Microsoft/Spyglass/University of Illinois at Urbana battle, a situation I was very close to during my tenure at Thomson Multimedia S.A. (in IE click "Help" then "About IE" and read all about it), and you may agree that... "invention stealing is the world's second oldest profession," only this time, as Jack Nicholson has termed it, '[They] f**cked with the wrong marine.'

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