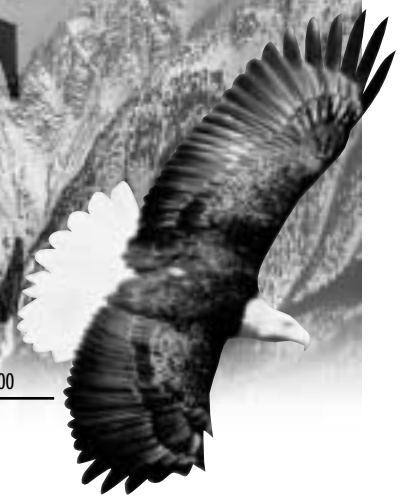


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Practical Information On Corporate And Trade-mark Matters



"Counselor, can you register my domain name?" New service at CRAC – for your domain names

In our pursuit to find ways to better assist our clients, CRAC is launching this month a new service regarding domain name searches and registrations. In development for several months now, we hope this service will help you and your business clients achieve their goals.

choice of a domain name is frequently one of strategic importance, no less than that of choosing a corporate name or a trade-mark.

efficiently coordinate your domain name requests.

Role of Attorney

An opportune time to consider this option is at the time of the incorporation or the adoption of a trade-mark. Therefore, attorneys are in an ideal position to advise their business clients on both the choice of a domain name and its registration.

Act Quickly

With respect to domain names using ".com" and ".net" (Top Level Domains), the selection of quality names is increasingly limited.



Logo of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. Formed by the private sector to assume responsibility for the management of the domain name system.

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Likelihood of Confusion

It is important to select a domain name that is not confusing with existing trade-marks, business names or domain names. The name search, thus, becomes essential. Thanks to our highly qualified technicians, namely in the area of trade-marks rights, CRAC is best equipped to guide you in your choices.

The Registration

Once the availability of the domain name is established, we can assist you with its registration. Since the registration of a domain name is generally associated with the constitution of a business, either in the form of a corporation or a sole proprietorship, we can

Often, to postpone the choosing of a domain name for even a couple of months can make it almost impossible to find a similar one to that of a previously adopted business name. All the more reason to act immediately upon the selection of the business name. True, new international TLDs may be created in the upcoming year. At a meeting of ICANN, held

Counselor, can you...

For many practitioners, this question is answered by referring their clients to a "computer person" or a website hosting firm. And yet, it is a subject that gives rise to many important legal issues. Furthermore, the

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To find out the current
turnaround times
for corporate
services, consult
our web site's
"what's new"
section.

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each week!*

Counselor, can you register ... (cont'd)

in July 2000 in Japan, a schedule for the introduction of new TLDs was established (1). However, we do not know, as of yet, which new TLDs will be added, and what criteria will be applicable to them. It may be that interest for new TLDs will still come second to the strong demand for ".com" as is the case for ".net" (see page 3).

Summary

It is important for practitioners in the corporate / commercial area to be able to assist their clients with their needs regarding domain names. Whether it is for the name availability or registration, CRAC is capable of providing you with reliable services in this area. It is a natural extension of our regular corporate search and filing services that attorneys are in an ideal situation to benefit from on behalf of their clients.

For more information, please contact Ms. Anne Roy, at ext. 337.

1) Preliminary Report — Meeting of the ICANN Board in Yokohama (July 16, 2000 – www.icann.com).

Turnaround Schedule for Corporate Services as of August 1st, 2000

| SERVICES | PROVINCIAL | FEDERAL |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| TaxExpress™ (GST / QST / QDAS) | 5 to 10 Days | — |
| Name Search Report and Reservation | *2 Days | 24 Hours |
| Certificate of Incorporation | *1 to 2 Days | 2 Days |
| Certificate of Amendment | *1 to 2 Days | 2 Days |
| Certificate of Continuation, of Continuance or of Amalgamation | *1 to 2 Weeks | 3 to 6 Days |
| Certificate of Dissolution | 7 to 8 Weeks | 2 to 3 Days |
| Notice of Change (Federal) or Amending Declaration (Quebec) | 2 Weeks | 2 Days |
| Letters Patent for Non-Profit Corporations | *4 to 5 Weeks | 20 Days |
| Attestation / Certificate of Good Standing or of Compliance | *24 Hours | 48 Hours |
| Revival | | 3 to 6 Days |
| Initial Declaration | 2 to 3 Weeks | — |
| Registration Declaration | *1 to 2 Weeks | — |
| Annual Declaration | *1 to 2 Weeks | — |
| Revocation of Striking-Off (s. 54 Legal Publicity Act) | *1 to 2 Weeks | — |

The delay may vary slightly according to each file () = Priority service available.*

A Word of Thought...

***"We long to believe that all dangers
and wonders are outside.
But the real angels and real demons
are those within."***

Gilles Vigneault, Author

A FEW FACTS ABOUT DOMAIN NAMES — *Did you know...*

1. The name of "crac.com" is nearly a translation of the actual location 206.123.42.154
2. An action was initiated last year in the U.S. by the Porsche company for trade-mark dilution. It was directed against the owners of 130 confusing domain names.
3. Every combination of three letter names using the ".com" TLD are registered. Combinations of four letters will also run out soon, representing a total of 3.25 million combinations (including letters, numbers and hyphens).
4. It is not possible to own more than one ".ca" per entity (excluding a French version).
5. The resale of domain names can be lucrative. The name "business.com" was apparently sold a few months ago for over \$ 7.5 million US (*).
6. A domain name must be renewed periodically.
7. Since December 2000, the maximum number of characters allowed for a domain name was increased from 25 to 63 (not including the TLD).
8. To obtain a ".ca" the applicant must be either federally incorporated, own a similar trade-mark or have a place of business in several provinces. If not, the applicant can only obtain a second or third level name ("qc.ca" or "mtl.qc.ca").
9. There is a total of approximately 10^8 names registered under the ".com" TLD (equivalent to 100 million). The maximum possible combinations is of 10^{98} (count 1 and add 98 zeros!).
10. The interest for ".com" names is undeniable: they account for 80% of all public domain names (.com, .net, .org, .edu).

(*) Source: National Post

P O R T R A I T

Mrs. Rosanna D'Aloé

"Un sorriso radioso"

Rapido Services (Filing of Corporate Documents)



Have you ever measured the degree of pleasure that comes from working alongside a teammate who with consistent humor, knows when to lend a thoughtful ear, is always ready to help out, and does so discreetly and joyfully? Such is the privilege given to Rosanna's colleagues.

With us for four and half years now, Rosanna is one the precious assets that came from our acquisition of CorpoService Inc. Conscientious, her desire to learn allows her to appreciate the variety in her work. And if you can't see her radiant smile, you will surely sense it over the phone, be it in French, English or Italian!

In her leisure time, she will go to the movies or undertake to make a lavish dish. But the true joy in her life is her family: her son Alessandro (17 months) and her husband Enzo Commisso, who are probably responsible for the warmth of her smile.

It is of no surprise then to learn that Rosanna seeks the company of positive people who enjoy life as much as she does. With so many precious qualities, she could certainly earn the title of Godmother of the CRAC "famiglia"!