



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS
that

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(because Westerners prefer given names first) *(whereas Chinese names tend to be family-first)*

having previously co-founded

POBOX.COM *exited to Fastmail.fm* KARMASPHERE.COM *exited to FICO*
HACKERSPACE.SG *Singapore's first hackerspace* JFDI.ASIA *Singapore's first seed accelerator*

and having previously co-authored

SPF (RFC4408)
a globally deployed opensource email standard based on a domain-specific language

TOGETHER WITH

ALEXIS CHUN *a recovering lawyer previously at TSMP (M&A) and at Rajah & Tann (commercial litigation)*
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AND
a host of other contributors each equipped with unique superpowers which humility, not to mention space constraints, forbid adumbrating at this time

IS NOW WORKING ON

LEGALESE.COM

originally an internal project at JFDI Asia designed to scratch-our-own-itch that has by our estimation saved JFDI's 69 startups up to \$125,000 in legal fees

now being spun out as

A NEW STARTUP

which will apply to THE LEGAL INDUSTRY

MARC ANDREESSEN's dictum

“software is eating the world”

by exploiting the UNCANNY PARALLELS (this gets technical; bear with me)

between

THE DRAFTING OF CONTRACTS and THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOFTWARE

both of which deal in

variable definitions event-driven callbacks exception handling version control
anonymous functions if/then/else statements dependency graphs collaborative editing

and other notions which COMPUTER SCIENTISTS are intimately familiar with but which LAWYERS have no names for

not because lawyers are in any way unintelligent, but simply because law predates computer science by hundreds of years and because, if you think about it, most senior partners alive today went to law school when fax machines were new

WITH THE SIMPLE GOAL

THAT

what INTUIT has done for ACCOUNTING | what ADOBE has done for ART & DESIGN | what AUTODESK has done for ENGINEERING

LEGALESE will do for LEGAL

specifically

THE \$160B CORPORATE CONTRACTS INDUSTRY

because (if one may be permitted to speak frankly) in a world where CARS drive THEMSELVES it is QUITE MAD to pay a HUMAN FIVE HUNDRED an HOUR to COPY and PASTE WORDS upon a PAGE

FIRST BY DEVELOPING A DSL

dubbed “L4”

a DOMAIN-SPECIFIC-LANGUAGE for LEGAL AGREEMENTS and REGULATIONS
that does for the MODAL μ -CALCULUS what functional languages do for the LAMBDA CALCULUS

THEN BY BUILDING COMPILERS

which will target ENGLISH and other NATURAL LANGUAGES
(imagine multilingual contracts, each provably identical)

and will also target ETHEREUM and other BLOCKCHAIN PLATFORMS
(because bugs in smart contracts cost real money)

accompanied by a powerful STATIC ANALYZER capable of FORMAL VERIFICATION, or at any rate EXHAUSTIVE TEST SUITES that prove, to the extent that such PROOF is MATHEMATICALLY POSSIBLE, contracts written in the language are

CORRECT • CONSISTENT • COMPLETE

THUS ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION

just as SQL is foundational to DATABASES HTML is foundational to THE WEB POSTSCRIPT is foundational to DIGITAL PRINTING

FOR A COMPLETE LEGAL TECH STACK

translating ideas like IDES, LINTING, BUILD TOOLS, UNIT TESTS and FUZZ TESTING, OPENSOURCE LIBRARIES, VERSION CONTROL, and the rest of the PROGRAMMER'S ARSENAL of TOOLS and TECHNIQUES

THAT CULMINATES IN END-USER APPS

(not apps for law firms!)

the first of which (our MVP) helps STARTUPS generate ALL the paperwork needed to close their ANGEL ROUNDS

which is to say not just the term sheet but all the resolutions and filings and other prerequisites which founders don't always know about)

WITHOUT spending TIME or MONEY on LAWYERS

which APPLICATIONS will slowly but surely nibble away at the

high-margin low-volume manually operated jealously proprietary LAW FIRM
replacing it with a
high-volume low-margin automated largely opensource NEW INDUSTRY

which we hereby name

COMPUTATIONAL LEGAL



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MENG IS DOING A NEW STARTUP

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AND INVITING HIS FRIENDS
TO GET INVOLVED AS THEIR SKILLS PERMIT



SO DON'T SAY
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NO FURTHER NOTICE
WILL BE GIVEN
BECAUSE SPAM SUCKS