

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

that

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*Meng Weng Wong, if you're friends from Saints ('92) or upenn.edu (SEAS '97)
or Burning Man ('03-'17) or Harvard Berkman ('16-'17) or Stanford CodeX ('17-'18)*

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 startup accelerator

and having previously co-authored

SPF

(IETF 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)*

DUSTIN WEHR

*a Ph.D. in logical argumentation
specialising in language
design and dev*

COLIN CHARLES

*who advises us on opensource
business models, informed by his
work at MySQL & MariaDB*

JOB CHONG

*a self-taught Javascript developer
fresh out of NUS law school
our first legal engineer*

ONG CHIAH LI

*a domain expert in
startup financings
previously a full-stack VC associate*

VIRGIL GRIFFITH

*a Caltech Ph.D. and boy does it show
Internet Man of Mystery and
our Ethereum specialist*

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 \$345,000 in legal fees*

now being spun out as

A SHINY NEW STARTUP

which will apply

MARC ANDREESSEN's dictum

"SOFTWARE IS EATING THE WORLD"

to the LEGAL INDUSTRY

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 necessarily UNINTELLIGENT, but simply because
law PREDATES computer science by THOUSANDS of years
and because, if you think about it,
most SENIOR PARTNERS alive today were in 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

LAW

specifically,

THE \$80B 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

and EXHAUSTIVE TEST SUITES

that prove, to the extent that

such PROOF is MATHEMATICALLY POSSIBLE,

contracts written in the language are

CORRECT • CONSISTENT • COMPLIANT

*speaking of which
(if one may be frank again)
most programmers write PROGRAMS;
fewer (very advanced) coders write COMPILERS
which compile the programs to their final form;
but many lawyers ACT AS compilers -
and it hurts, doing the job of a robot*

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 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 APPS

for end-users

not 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 most founders don't 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 call

COMPUTATIONAL

LAW

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