



MENG IS DOING A NEW STARTUP

LEGALESE.COM

AND INVITING HIS FRIENDS  
TO GET INVOLVED AS THEIR SKILLS PERMIT



TL;DR

FULL TEXT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

that

WONG MENG WENG  
*or Meng Weng Wong, if you're friends from Saints (92) or upenn.edu (SEAS '97)  
or Burning Man ('03-'15) or Harvard Berkman ('16-'17)*

having previously co-founded

**POBOX.COM**  
*exited to Fastmail.fm*

**HACKERSPACE.SG**  
*Singapore's first hackerspace*

**KARMASPHERE.COM**  
*exited to FICO*

**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)*

VIKRAM

VERMA

*a self-taught mathematician  
specialising in dependently typed  
functional languages*

VIRGIL

GRIFFITH

*a Caltech PhD  
previously founder of Wikiscanner  
and Onion.link*

SEBASTIAAN

DECKERS

*a full-stack Javascript developer  
previously teaching web development  
at General Assembly*

ONG CHIAH LI

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

JOB CHONG

*a self-taught Javascript developer  
fresh out of NUS law school  
and thus a  $\pi$ -shaped person*

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 hundreds of years*

*and because, if you think about it,  
most senior partners alive today were in law school  
when fax machines were new*

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BO JIO

NO FURTHER NOTICE  
WILL BE GIVEN  
BECAUSE SPAM SUCKS