



Open Bar announces Establishment of new Advisory Board and Appointment to Board of Directors

PALO ALTO, Calif., January 19, 2006 — Open Bar Inc., a non-profit organization that provides legal information and education about free and open source software, today announced the establishment of a new Advisory Board and a new appointment to its Board of Directors.

The newly established Advisory Board will allow Open Bar to draw on the expertise of a distinguished group of Open Source lawyers as it develops new programs and initiatives. The 2006 Advisory Board includes Mitchell Baker who, until her appointment to the Advisory Board, lent valuable service to the organization as a member of its Board of Directors. "Mitchell has been instrumental in guiding Open Bar since its inception, and we're grateful for her continued commitment to the organization," said Jason Wacha, Open Bar co-founder and Director. Other 2006 Advisory Board members are Till Jaeger, Heather Meeker, Diane M. Peters, Mark Radcliffe, Dan Ravicher and Larry Rosen. "We are excited and honored to have such a distinguished group of open source legal experts donate their valuable insight to Open Bar" said Gwyn Firth Murray, Open Bar co-founder and Director. "We look forward to their guidance as we grow Open Bar and continue its mission of providing open source-related information and education to legal practitioners worldwide."

Mitchell Baker is President of the Mozilla Foundation and a member of Board of Directors of the Open Source Applications Foundation; Till Jaeger is a Partner of JBB Rechtsanwälte in Munich and co-founder of the Institute for Legal Questions on Free and Open Source Software (ifrOSS); Heather Meeker is a Shareholder at Greenberg

Traurig LLP and Co-Chair of the Open Source Committee of the ABA Section of Science and Technology Law; Diane M. Peters is General Counsel of the Open Source Development Labs and a Director of the Software Freedom Law Center; Mark Radcliffe is a Partner at DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP and General Counsel for the Open Source Initiative; Dan Ravicher is the founder and Executive Director of the Public Patent Foundation, Senior Counsel to the Free Software Foundation and the Legal Director of the Software Freedom Law Center; and Larry Rosen is a Partner at Rosenlaw & Einschlag and author of "Open Source Licensing: Software Freedom and Intellectual Property Law."

Karen Copenhaver has joined Open Bar's Board of Directors, which already includes founders Murray and Wacha. Mr. Wacha is Vice President of Corporate Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of MontaVista Software, Inc. (www.mvista.com). Ms. Murray is founder and principal of the Matau Legal Group (www.mataulegal.com).

Ms. Copenhaver is General Counsel of Black Duck Software, Inc. and a partner in the Business & Technology Group of [Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP](#) in Boston, MA. Before joining Black Duck, Karen was a partner in the Patent and Intellectual Property Group of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault LLP. "Karen is widely recognized as a thought leader in the open source legal community, and we are very pleased to have her join the Board," said Mr. Wacha.

About Open Bar

Open Bar was founded by Gwyn Firth Murray and Jason B. Wacha. The founders are both lawyers with extensive experience in the area of open source software and technology licensing. They created Open Bar, Inc. as a conduit for disseminating clear information about the legal rights and responsibilities of software developers, legal professionals and users of software in the emerging arena of open source/free software. Open Bar also aims at educating software developers, legal professionals and the general public about the issues, rights and responsibilities associated with the development, use and distribution of open source/free software. For more information, please visit <http://www.open-bar.org>

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