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PRESS RELEASE

Due to recent concerns regarding the security of information transmitted over the Internet and/or telephone, including attorney-client communications such as e-mails and phone calls, I recently wrote a letter to a company named “Silent Circle,” a company that is apparently developing an encrypted e-mail system for consumers. Attached is the response that I received.

Such technologies, it seems to me, would be beneficial to the legal community as well as other professions, especially the ones that have stringent ethical requirements. In Georgia, for example, Georgia Rule of Professional Conduct 1.6 requires *inter alia* that attorneys “maintain in confidence all information gained in the professional relationship.”¹

While there are a few limited exceptions in the Rule— such as when a client “gives informed consent” – Rule 1.6 is distinct from (and actually broader than) the “attorney-client privilege,” which is primarily an evidentiary-related concept. Every attorney, before becoming a member of the Bar, takes an oath to act “in accordance with the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct.”

I would encourage anyone to contact my office if they have any information that might be helpful – for example, if you are aware of any technological resources that would better enable attorneys to comply with Rule 1.6. If so inclined, one can also go directly to the State Bar of Georgia with any resources that might be helpful.

/s/ Blair Chintella

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¹ <http://www.gabar.org/barrules/handbookdetail.cfm?what=rule&id=57>



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Dear Mr. Chintella:

Thank you for your interest in Dark Mail. I share your concerns regarding the lack of privacy available via e-mail. It is our hope that Dark Mail will solve this problem for everyone. Our current plan is to offer Silent Mail, which will utilize the Dark Mail alliance protocols, in Q1 of 2015. In the meantime, we suggest you use our Silent Text offering to communicate securely with your clients. In the near future, we will be releasing the 2.0 version of Silent Text. This will be a major new release for us and we are very excited to bring it to market. Silent Text 2.0 will offer encrypted group chat and encrypted group file send. We encourage you to take full advantage of this tool.

As you have requested, we will keep you posted regarding the Dark Mail Alliance. I am not aware of the differences between Kim "Dotcom's" email service and Dark Mail. My sense is that it is bit early to say, as Dark Mail is not yet available. I appreciate you advocating for us at the State Bar, I agree that in this day and age lawyers need to protect themselves and their clients with secure encrypted communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Cooney".

Patrick Cooney
Chief Customer Officer