



## Should Technologists Be Responsible for Misuses of Their Products and Services?

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MGM recently argued to the Supreme Court that Grokster should be liable for copyright infringement because the primary use of its technology was to engage in copyright infringement. Although the Supreme Court did not agree with MGM, it did say that technical design might be relevant to liability if there was other evidence that a firm had induced infringement. This talk will consider the pros and cons of considering technical design as a basis for liability for third-party misuses of technology, not only as to copyright infringement but also as to other wrongs such as privacy leaks.

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She was the principal organizer of a conference cosponsored by the School of Information Management and Systems, Berkeley Center for Law and Technology, and the Berkeley Technology Law Journal on the "**Law and Technology of Digital Rights Management**" that was held February 27-March 1, 2003:  
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