

PREFACE TO THE TWO *AMICI CURIAE* BRIEFS

Perhaps the most significant copyright case of the year is *MGM, Inc. v. Grokster, Ltd.* In August of 2004, the Ninth Circuit held that peer-to-peer software providers Grokster and StreamCast were not secondarily liable for copyright infringement by individuals who employed the software to share copyrighted files over the Internet. The Supreme Court granted certiorari in December and scheduled oral arguments for the end of March.

The *Grokster* case implicates complex and controversial issues that stand to profoundly affect copyright law. To provide broad perspective on the legal and policy questions raised by the case, this issue features both a Note and two *amicus curiae* briefs filed with the Court by Boalt Hall faculty. The editors hope that this expanded coverage will serve to further the reader's consideration of copyright law's evolution in the digital age.

All the briefs filed in the *Grokster* Supreme Court appeal are available at http://eff.org/IP/P2P/MGM_v_Grokster.

