**CCWG-Accountability WS2 Legal Committee**

(from the June Presentation to the CCWG-Accountability - <https://community.icann.org/x/b5DDAw> )

**Role :**

Filter, analyze, refine (ensure clarity), and approve requests for legal advice

Determine which firm is best suited to respond

**Process:**

The Committee meets at least once a month

Based on subgroup requests documented and shared before the meeting,

Rapporteurs may attend relevant part of the call to discuss their requests

LC ensures that request is a legal issue (not a policy one)

With support from PCST, LC tracks legal expenses with clear distinction between what is related to its scope vs any other Legal costs.

Counsel may be invited to attend parts of the LC meeting to ensure clarity of expectations and context (reminder: Counsel participation to CCWG and subgroup calls is exceptional only)

**Composition based on WS1 Legal sub-team executive team:**

León Sanchez (co-chair, lead)

Samantha Eisner (support)

Athina Fragkouli (replacement to be confirmed by the CCWG-Accountability Plenary)

Robin Gross

David McAuley

Edward Morris

Greg Shatan

**Procedure:**

If ICANN Legal already has an answer available to the question, it can be shared immediately to avoid extra costs.

The Committee may direct the request at ICANN Legal or external firms, based on a case by case assessment.

Decisions would have to take into account costs, delays, respective skills, as well as potential requirement for “independent” advice.

The Committee is encouraged to use ICANN Legal as much as possible in order to manage costs effectively.

Sidley & Adler will coordinate to decide which firm is best suited to address requests certified to CCWG Independent Counsel

If the CCWG requests advice from Jones Day, then Jones Day should either (a) disclose that ICANN (and not the CCWG) is their client for purposes of the memo or (b) enter into an engagement specifically with the CCWG as client (same as Sidley and Adler), and that ICANN has provided a waiver of conflict of interest.

Hiring of other firms for specific expertise would be subject to CCWG-ACCT and ICANN Legal prior approval (similar process as during WS1)

Once the LC has determined it needs to hire external legal counsel it forwards the request with relevant details, including estimated costs and a report from the PCST on the financial impact, to the Co-Chairs for approval.

The Co-Chairs will consider the request and the financial impact as soon as possible and provide a formal response to the LC which will be documented on the CCWG WS2 Wiki if approved.