Roommates.com Case: The Outlook for ISPs After Key Ninth Circuit Ruling April 28, 2008, 1-2pm ET

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On April 3, the Ninth Circuit held that the cohabitant-finding website Roommates.com was not immune under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act for creating and distributing questionnaires and profiles that contained users' preferences for potential roommates. The profiles allowed users to express their roommate preferences based, among other things, on gender, sexual orientation and presence of children, and were alleged to violate state and federal fair housing laws on that basis. The decision, which contained a vigorous dissent, follows other recent court cases that have narrowed Section 230 immunity to websites and Internet service providers. Expert faculty will discuss:

- The findings of the case
- Implications for other websites and online companies

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