

John Doe Litigations: A Well-Established Way For Plaintiffs To Enforce Their Rights



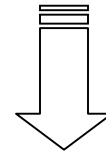
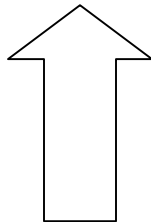
RIAA's online investigators search for copyrighted recordings made available by individuals on peer-to-peer (P2P) networks the same way anyone else could do so, and confirm that those files are actual copyrighted works.



The original complaint is amended to include the subscriber's name and, if necessary, re-filed or transferred to another court.



Since the identity of the P2P user is not known, except by Internet Protocol (IP) address, RIAA's members file a lawsuit against *John Doe* as a place holder until the name of the user can be determined.



John Doe's ISP reveals John Doe's identity.



After the suit is filed and once the judge grants the request to start the discovery process, RIAA members can subpoena the identity of the individual in question from the ISP.

