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## LLI's Oath of Justitia

### The student competition



*Let's design the future. Together.*

### Best deployment plan winner

Dear reader,

this submission won the additional prize for the best deployment plan in the LLI's Oath of Justitia student competition. It is one of the first ideas towards the creation of an Oath of Justitia.

Please consider reading the team's version of the Oath of Justitia.

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We wish you a joyful reading,

The Sentinels of Good Feelings Team & the Liquid Legal Institute

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## DEPLOYMENT PLAN

Our Oath is designed as an innovative patch to existing legal and professional obligations, and, therefore, its deployment should reflect the impact technology has had on the dissemination of information. Traditionally, legal standards have been imposed from 'on high', mandated by international or domestic standards-setting-bodies, with little input. We reject that approach, and instead seek to model the distribution of the oath on the open-source software movement, using, in the software metaphor, a 'bazaar' rather than a 'cathedral' model of deployment, and taking advantage of 'free culture' models like Creative Commons. Lawyers from around the world will be free to make additions, suggestions, revisions, or other changes, and to 'fork' their own versions most appropriate to particular scenarios. All developments in the Oath will be transparently tracked using Git or similar version history software, and discussions will take place and be recorded in open internet fora. Decisions will be made in a model of liquid democracy, using a combination of elected representatives and direct community votes after hearing deliberative input from all stakeholders. Translation will be accomplished on a community model used for open-source software documentation, Wikipedia, and other free-software online communities, with the accuracy of different localisations judged by collaborative teams of lawyers. Promotion of the Oath will be accomplished by designating national 'point people' in various jurisdictions to act as evangelists and build local communities (much like chapters of Wikimedia foundation). Word will also initially be spread through lawtech conferences and other international, open-minded forums where lawyers are involved. It is also important, for ensuring a broad consensus in the efficacy of the Oath, that non-legal professions and lay people are involved, and their input as community stakeholders will be just as valuable in the development.

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