

# DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE AGE OF THE INTERNET

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#### WHO WE ARE



We are a global community who predominantly act at the local level to create some coherence in the interactions of legal systems as culture and order emerges in the network society.

IBO is the bar association in cyberspace, leading the effort to form the Justice Layer by leveraging technology and global community collaboration.

## THE PROBLEM

- Globalization demands a new set of laws and procedures to govern online interactions
- Close to 200 countries with as many legal systems and cultures
- Local rules do not work in e-commerce



# The legal complex today is primarily a complex physical network of

#### People

Lawyers - Judges - Law Students - Legal Paraprofessionals - Elected Officials

#### **Paper**

Case Law - Statutes -Regulations - Trial Transcripts - Pleadings -Contracts - Treaties -Constitutions



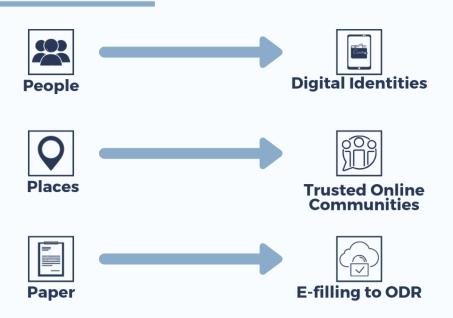
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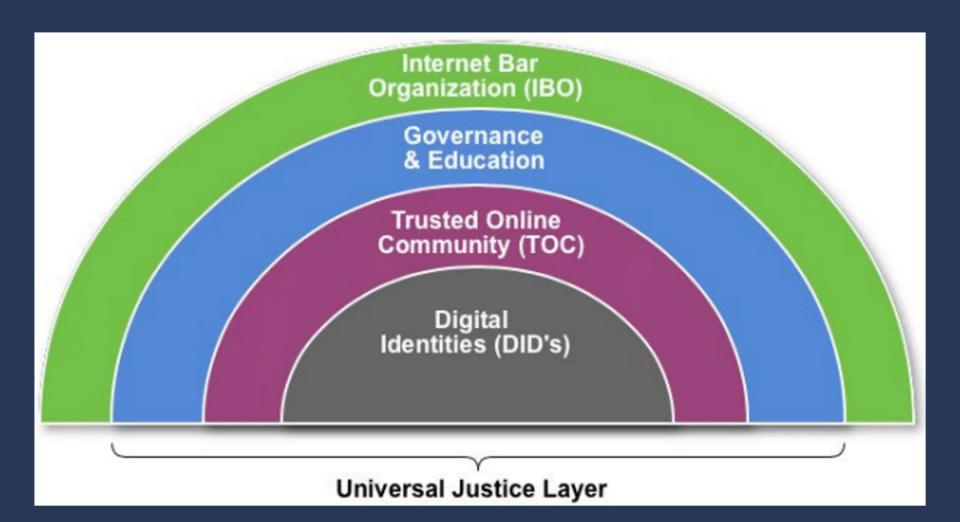
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Associations

## PARALLEL ELEMENTS

TRADITIONAL AND ONLINE LEGAL COMPLEXES







## Online vs. Face to Face





## **RULE OF LAW**





**BORDERED NATIONS** 

#### **BORDERLESS WORLD**

Norms for using technologies across distinct populations who are connected globally can only be shaped by reaching a global consensus about how all Internet transactions and communications take place.



Time, geographical distance and language are no longer obstacles to trade and, consequently, cross border disputes have also increased. In this environment, courts have been losing effectiveness in handling the needs of parties [...].

Aura Esther Vilalta, "ODR and E-Commerce"
Online Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice

# Enforcing the Rule of Law on the Internet

