



What You Need to Know About the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) - Attorney Tor Ekeland to be Featured Presenter at Hacker Halted USA

Hacker Halted, a leading information security and hacking conference, will be presenting a talk by one of the nation's most prominent defense attorneys for hackers who have run afoul of the law, Tor Ekeland. He will be addressing the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and its broad implications.

Atlanta, GA ([PRWEB](#)) August 16, 2013 -- [Hacker Halted USA](#), a leading information security conference in the US, is pleased to announce that prominent hacking attorney [Tor Ekeland](#), the defense attorney for [Andrew Auernheimer](#) (aka "Weev") and [Matthew Keys](#), is a featured presenter at the September 19-21 event in Atlanta.

Ekeland's talk, "What You Need to Know About the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA)," is a basic overview of CFAA and the major criminal prosecutions under it, including U.S. v. Auernheimer, [U.S. v. Aaron Swartz](#) and U.S. v. Matthew Keys. According to Ekeland, the talk will "educate everyone about this terrible law and the risks that they are taking every time they surf the web."

Hacker Halted USA is a three-day, three-track information security conference comprised of [43 talks](#) from top security researchers and organizations, including independent security firms, the U.S. Army, U.S. Treasury, Facebook, Twitter, Square, RSA, Qualys, McAfee's Foundstone Division, Verizon Terremark, Dell, Deloitte, Salesforce and Penn State University. Topics covered include mobile security, the cloud, forensics, critical infrastructure attacks, malware analysis, and more.

"With criticism mounting of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, particularly after the death of Aaron Swartz, we thought it would be a great opportunity to provide a closer look at US hacking laws and their implications for the security industry with a top attorney," said Eric Lopez, director of conferences and events at EC-Council. "Few are as qualified to talk about this subject as Tor Ekeland, who's represented two of the most high-profile CFAA cases. Those who attend this talk will gain valuable insights into computer crime laws, suggested revisions to the laws and their practical implications."

Ekeland represented controversial hacker "[Weev](#)" in his trial in the Federal District Court for the District of New Jersey for conspiring to violate the CFAA and committing federal identity theft.¹ In November 2011, a jury convicted weev for his role in the harvest of roughly 114,000 email addresses from AT&T's publicly accessible iPad servers and the subsequent disclosure of AT&T's security flaw to the website Gawker. He is currently lead counsel in Auernheimer's appeal to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, working alongside Mark H. Jaffe, Orin Kerr and the Electronic Frontier Foundation in what is one of the most important CFAA cases of recent years.

Ekeland also currently represents Matthew Keys, a former Reuters social media editor, who the Department of Justice indicted on March 14, 2013 for violating the CFAA. Keys allegedly transmitted a username and password to a hacker who used it to deface an article on the L.A. Times website. A trial date in U.S. v. Keys has not yet been set.

Ekeland's talk is scheduled for day two of the conference, September 20th.

For more information about Hacker Halted USA, visit www.hackerhalted.com. Those interested in attending



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1: Rolling Stone. March 1, 2013; rollingstone.com/politics/lists/the-new-political-prisoners-leakers-hackers-and-activists-20130301/andrew-auernheimer-19691231



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