

On behalf of the Claimant  
Witness: D Trammell  
Exhibits: DT1-DT3  
July 2023

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND &**  
**WALES**  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LIST (ChD)**

**Claim No: IL-2021-000019**

B E T W E E N :

CRYPTO OPEN PATENT ALLIANCE

(for itself and as Representative Claimant on behalf of Square, Inc., Payward Ventures, Inc.  
(DBA Kraken), Microstrategy, Inc., and Coinbase, Inc.)

**Claimant**

-and-

DR CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT

**Defendant**

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF  
DUSTIN D. TRAMMELL  
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I, Dustin D. Trammell, of [REDACTED] will say as follows:

1. I am an Information Security Research Scientist with an interest in Bitcoin and other cryptocurrency. I am also known by the usernames “D}ruid”, “I}ruid” and “Druidian” on the Internet. This statement has been prepared by Bird & Bird following a video interview, though I am told by Bird & Bird that our exchanges are considered privileged. This statement uses my own words and sets out facts and matters that are within my own knowledge unless otherwise stated: Where I refer to facts within my own knowledge, I believe them to be true. Where I refer to information from other sources, I have identified my sources and the information it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

2. On points that I understand to be important in the case, I have stated honestly (a) how well I recall matters and (b) whether my memory has been refreshed by considering documents, and if so how and when.
3. I am aware of Craig Wright and his claim to be Satoshi Nakamoto. I understand from Bird & Bird that the purpose of my evidence is to set out matters of fact and not to argue the case, and so I do not intend to address my opinions of his claims here.
4. I first found out about Bitcoin in early November 2008 after Satoshi Nakamoto published the white paper to the Cryptography Mailing List. I am very interested in alternative currencies and cryptography so I was immediately drawn to the project, and I downloaded the white paper and read it at the time. I do not still have my original download of the white paper. The earliest version of the white paper that I still have is at **Exhibit DT1**.  
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5. On 11 January 2009, after having run the first public release version of the Bitcoin software for two days, , I wrote to Satoshi Nakamoto to discuss it. We corresponded privately by email between 11 January 2009 and 25 January 2009. A complete copy of that email correspondence is contained in **Exhibit DT2**. Exhibit DT2 is a copy of the same file that is currently available on my website at the URL [https://www.dustintrammell.com/s/Satoshi\\_Nakamoto.zip](https://www.dustintrammell.com/s/Satoshi_Nakamoto.zip). I generated that complete archive of my correspondence with Satoshi on 26 November 2013 by exporting it in native MBOX format from my email client Mozilla Thunderbird.  
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6. I first published that complete archive on 26 November 2013 and it has been available for download publicly since then.
7. At no point did Satoshi ever send me any source code or software. The first time I found out about Bitcoin source code or software was when it was announced on the mailing list mentioned above, and I downloaded it myself from bitcoin.org.
8. In 2011-2012 I used the #bitcoin-otc IRC channel to arrange Bitcoin exchange transactions, which at the time was on the freenode IRC network. An archive of my profile there is available online at the URL <https://web.archive.org/web/20121013222113/http://bitcoin-otc.com/viewratingdetail.php?nick=I}ruid&sign=ANY&type=RECV> and a PDF version of that web page is at **Exhibit DT3**.  
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9. As well as signing in the traditional way I have signed the declaration on this witness statement using my personal Private PGP key which corresponds to the following public PGP key:

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I have not referred to or been referred to any documents other than those mentioned above.

**DECLARATION**

I understand that the purpose of this witness statement is to set out matters of fact of which I have personal knowledge. I understand that it is not my function to argue the case, either generally or on particular points, or to take the court through the documents in the case. This witness statement sets out only my personal knowledge and recollection, in my own words.

On points that I understand to be important in the case, I have stated honestly (a) how well I recall matters and (b) whether my memory has been refreshed by considering documents, if so how and when.

I have not been asked or encouraged by anyone to include in this statement anything that is not my own account, to the best of my ability and recollection, of events I witnessed or

matters of which I have personal knowledge. I believe the facts stated in this statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

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*Dustin D. Trammell*  
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