



First Amendment & Media Law

When laws, regulations, or government entities pose a threat to an individual's or an organization's First Amendment freedoms, the protection of those freedoms demands experienced and skillful representation by seasoned attorneys who understand both the law surrounding it as well as its evolution.

At Jaffe, our attorneys have precisely the knowledge and experience required to protect against threats of First Amendment infringement. Our team is deeply and broadly experienced in counseling an extensive array of media clients, including print media (newspapers, magazines, and alternative media publishers), broadcast media (radio, television, and film) and electronic media (Internet service providers, web publishers, and Internet businesses). We are veteran counselors of authors, journalists, entertainment personalities, government agencies, and private corporations regarding the legal and regulatory issues they encounter during the newsgathering and reporting processes.

Our attorneys work with media clients to protect and enforce their federal and state constitutional rights and statutory privileges. We offer preventive counsel to clients to avoid potential problems and skillfully and vigorously advocate for them in court if required. Our attorneys provide pre-publication review and advice and assist with newsgathering questions tied to privacy, wiretapping, and trespass laws. Our expertise also extends to providing guidance on emerging issues related to Internet publications, such as reporter blogs and public posting of comments on media-sponsored websites. Ensuring that your constitutional rights are protected is our goal, each and every time.

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