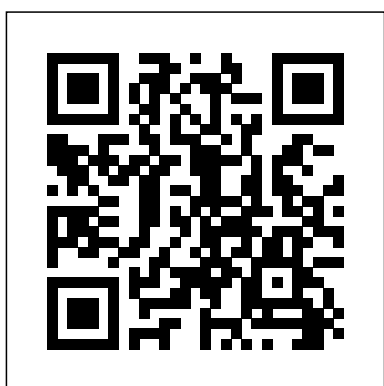

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Now that online communication has become a routine part of everyday life, it is important for teens to understand how constitutional principles apply in the digital age. According to the courts, the First Amendment right to free speech applies online. However, this guarantee is subject to the same limits as in person and in print: citizens can't defame, libel, or slander others. But due to the anonymity, speed, and enormous reach of the Internet, it is unfortunately easier than ever to destroy a person's reputation by

posting false information online. The author explains what kinds of speech constitute defamation, including libel and slander, and how to handle the issue when it arises in teen life. Related issues, including cyberbullying and hate speech, are also addressed. Carter-Ruck on Libel and Privacy is an essential purchase for every practitioner involved with the law of defamation and privacy. Consisting of an account of the law of defamation and privacy in over 50 different countries including Eastern Europe, Malaysia and Singapore, it takes account of the Defamation Act 1996 and will be of value to all those whose activities take them into the international field. Fully updated and expanded to include the

law of privacy, new developments such as harassment, the Human Rights Act, data protection and important cases such as Reynolds v. Times Newspapers. The book is part of the Common Law menu. Annotation "In Insult to Injury, William K. Jones reviews the seminal U.S. Supreme Court decisions that restrict the First Amendment in order to protect persons against defamatory falsehoods, invasions of privacy, and related psychic harm. Covering cases ranging from a restaurant owner driven out of business over a veal chop to a University of Georgia football coach accused of sharing plays with an opponent before a game, Jones examines the many subtleties of the law, its interpretation, and its restrictions."--BOOK

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The Story of a Landmark Libel Case

Employment Libel and Privacy Law 50-State Survey (Non-Members) A Global Reference for Journalists, Publishers, Webmasters, and Lawyers

In which is Contained a General History of this Law in the Ancient Codes, and of Its Introduction, and Successive Alterations, in the Law of England. Comprehending a Digest of All the Leading Cases Upon Libels, from the Earliest to the Present Time

Explains how to clear rights for copyrighted materials, determine if a work is in the public domain, and define "fair use" of quotations

In the years following the landmark United States Supreme Court decision on libel law in *New York Times v. Sullivan*, the court ruled on a number of additional cases that continued to shape the standards of protected speech. As part of this key series of judgments, the justices explored the contours

of the Sullivan ruling and established the definition of "reckless disregard" as it pertains to "actual malice" in the case of *St. Amant v. Thompson*. While an array of scholarly and legal literature examines Sullivan and some subsequent cases, the *St. Amant* case—once called "the most important of the recent Supreme Court libel decisions"—has not received the attention it warrants. Eric P. Robinson's *Reckless Disregard* corrects this omission with a thorough analysis of the case and its ramifications. The history of *St. Amant v. Thompson* begins with the contentious 1962 U.S. Senate primary election in Louisiana, between incumbent Russell Long and businessman Phil A. St. Amant. The initial lawsuit stemmed from a televised campaign address in which St. Amant attempted to demonstrate Long's alleged connections with organized crime and corrupt union officials. Although St. Amant's claims had no effect on the outcome of the election, a little-noticed statement he made during the address—that money had "passed hands" between Baton Rouge Teamsters leader Ed Partin and East Baton Rouge Parish deputy sheriff Herman A. Thompson—led to a defamation lawsuit that ultimately passed through the legal system to the Supreme Court. A decisive step in the journey toward the robust protections that American courts provide to comments about public officials, public figures, and matters of public interest, *St. Amant v. Thompson* serves as a significant development in modern American defamation law. Robinson's study deftly examines the background of

the legal proceedings as well as their social and political context. His analysis of how the Supreme Court ruled in this case reveals the justices' internal deliberations, shedding new light on a judgment that forever changed American libel law.

One of the nation's leading First Amendment attorneys provides media counsel with up-to-date information on how to avoid litigation, the "public person, and" settlement and pretrial tactics, winning trial tactics and cost minimization techniques; with ample case analysis, including the landmark case *Moldea v. New York Times Co.* By Bruce W. Sanford. *Libel and Privacy* by Bruce W. Sanford explains how the U.S. Supreme Court is now approaching constitutional libel law and setting the boundaries for invasion of privacy suits. Comprehensive coverage of all key topics includes: Establishing effective techniques to avoid litigation by following the four-step review process In-depth treatment of "public person and" Valuable settlement and pretrial tactics Winning trial tactics and cost minimization techniques Analysis of recent cases and new developments including those in the emerging cyber-like area Discussion of the landmark case *Moldea v. New York Times Co.* -- which the author argued and won An illustration of the legal and factual criteria governing the measurement of damages in libel actions And more

Synopsis of the Law of Libel and the Right of Privacy As Administered in the Courts of the United States of America

The Evolving Law of Libel

Sack on Defamation

In a Letter to the Author

Principles and Practice of the Law
of Libel and Slander

Publishers, journalists, and authors can be sued for violating legal standards thousands of miles away from where they work. This book, written primarily for journalists and editors, but of use to their lawyers, explains risks publishers should understand prior to publication, steps to take to avoid legal conflicts, and available defenses in the event of a claim. This new second edition of International Libel and Privacy Handbook is an updated nation-by-nation summary of libel and privacy law written by local practitioners in an easy-to-use reference format covering Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas. Glasser's second edition includes new chapters on emerging media markets such as the Middle East and Malaysia, as well as thorough legal updates on all major media nations.

This work represents a practical guide for journalists and other media professionals and students in the increasingly complex area of libel law.

Rosini offers a clear, well-defined three-step approach to understanding and avoiding defamation lawsuits. He fully details how the libel laws work and how media outlets can stay within the law's bounds, as well as how the risk of being sued can be limited by identifying

potential problems, gathering the proper measure of factual support, and preparing the story in ways that take the greatest advantage of the law. An indispensable survival guide for anyone in the media industry and the lawyers who serve them Especially now, in an age of instant global access through digital media, it is vitally important that journalists, authors and publishers, as well as the lawyers who serve them, be fully up on the laws governing media, worldwide. The ultimate resource for all the media content providers and purveyors, this fully updated and expanded Third Edition of the critically-acclaimed handbook offers you instant access to relevant libel and privacy laws and important legal rulings in the Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas. It clearly and concisely explains risks publishers should know about prior to publication, steps they can take in order to avoid legal conflicts, and legal defences available to them in the event of a claim. Offers nation-by-nation summaries of libel and privacy law written by local practitioners in an easy-to-use reference format Expanded to include coverage of important emerging territories--Mexico, Israel, and Argentina, et al--as well as the latest libel and privacy rulings Features new chapters on emerging media

markets--including Israel, Mexico, Argentina, Jordan, and others--as well as valuable updates to the Middle East section Provides updates on all major media markets and nations, along with coverage of changes in libel laws in key jurisdictions, including Australia, the UK, Hungary and Germany

Insult to Injury

The Impact of People V.

Croswell on Libel Law

Libel and the First

Amendment

Frequently Asked Questions

About Slander and Libel in the
Digital Age

Libel Law and the Press

Coals of Fire

Elmer Gertz recalls his long battle in what legal scholars regard as the second most important libel case in legal history: Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc. Gertz's ordeal began in Chicago during the violent peace demonstrations of 1968. A youth, Ronald Nelson, was killed by a Chicago policeman, Richard Nuccio. Gertz represented the Nelson family in civil suits against Nuccio and the Chicago police department. After Nuccio was convicted of murder, the John

Birch Society published an article in its journal, American Opinion, claiming that Nuccio was framed by Communists. Gertz was targeted as a prime Communist instigator. After reading and studying the article, Gertz filed suit against Robert Welch, Inc., charging that it had defamed him by publishing highly harmful lies impugning his reputation and patriotism. Gertz writes in detail of his landmark case, which involved two trials, two reviews in the court of appeals, and two battles in the Supreme Court. Although the case was finally decided in April 1981, when a U.S. district court jury awarded him \$100,000 compensatory damages and \$300,000 punitive damages, Gertz did not receive payment until May 1983, after Robert Welch, Inc., had filed two unsuccessful appeals. Featuring all-new coverage and a convenient new two-

volume looseleaf format, here's today's authoritative, up-to-date guide through the labyrinth of defamation law. Now expanded to over 1,400 pages of definitive legal, tactical, and strategic insight into libel, slander, and related causes of action, this new Third Edition reaffirms this treatise's position as 'the standard text in the field against which all others must be judged'. Citing thousands of cases, the work takes you securely through this complex field, from its common law and constitutional foundations . . . to the more recent influential case law . . . to the crucial and often confusing splits of judicial authority. Designed for judges, teachers, journalists, and lawyers on both sides of the table, the book helps practitioners and their clients to: Ensure written and oral communications are less likely to

result in suit; Avoid or limit lawsuits by issuing retractions and taking other mitigating steps; Persuade judges to dismiss complaints or grant summary judgements. Peter E. Kane takes a critical look at the development of the present law through a discussion of seventeen landmark libel cases. One of the many points Kane clarifies is the important distinction between an error and a lie when judging whether someone is guilty of libel. For example, in the series of events that led to Goldwater vs. Ginzburg, Ralph Ginzburg, publisher of fact magazine, compiled and printed in fact a montage of quotes he had collected from psychiatrists about Barry Goldwater. It took five years of legal sparring for the courts to conclude that Ginzburg had deliberately published a malicious and irresponsible document and to rule in favor of

Goldwater. Kane closes with a discussion of current thinking on possible libel reform. *Libel, Slander, and Invasions of Privacy* The Supreme Court and Libel Trial of Moore & Sevey for a Libel on Samuel D. Greene Carter-Ruck on Libel and Privacy *The Accusation: Blood Libel in an American Town* What Herald Tribune Employees are Expected to Know about It; how to Guard Against Libel Suits and how to be Prepared to Defend Them when Brought Employment Libel and Privacy Law examines defamation and privacy claims in an employment context, an increasing concern to labor and employment practitioners. Topics covered include: Publication, Compelled Self-Publication, Fault Standards, Damages, Recurring Fact Patterns, Privileges and Defenses, Procedural Issues, Employer Testing of Employees, Searches, Monitoring of Employees, Activities Outside the Workplace, Records, Negligent Hiring, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, Interference with Economic Advantage, and Prima Facie Tort. A chilling investigation of America's only alleged case of blood libel, and what it reveals

about antisemitism in the United States and Europe. On Saturday, September 22, 1928, Barbara Griffiths, age four, strayed into the woods surrounding the upstate village of Massena, New York. Hundreds of people looked everywhere for the child but could not find her. At one point, someone suggested that Barbara had been kidnapped and killed by Jews, and as the search continued, policemen and townspeople alike gave credence to the quickly spreading rumors. The allegation of ritual murder, known to Jews as "blood libel," took hold. To believe in the accusation seems bizarre at first glance—blood libel was essentially unknown in the United States. But a great many of Massena's inhabitants, both Christians and Jews, had emigrated recently from Central and Eastern Europe, where it was all too common. Historian Edward Berenson, himself a native of Massena, sheds light on the cross-cultural forces that ignited America's only known instance of blood libel, and traces its roots in Old World prejudice, homegrown antisemitism, and the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s. Residues of all three have persisted until the present day. More than just the disturbing story of one town's embrace of an insidious anti-Jewish myth, *The Accusation* is a shocking and perceptive exploration of American and European responses to antisemitism. Alan Dundes, in this casebook of an anti-Semitic legend, demonstrates the power of folklore to influence thought and history. According to the blood libel legend, Jews murdered

Christian infants to obtain blood to make matzah. Dundes has gathered here the work of leading scholars who examine the varied sources and elaborations of the legend. Collectively, their essays constitute a forceful statement against this false accusation. The legend is traced from the murder of William of Norwich in 1144, one of the first reported cases of ritualized murder attributed to Jews, through nineteenth-century Egyptian reports, Spanish examples, Catholic periodicals, modern English instances, and twentieth-century American cases. The essays deal not only with historical cases and surveys of blood libel in different locales, but also with literary renditions of the legend, including the ballad "Sir Hugh, or, the Jew's Daughter" and Chaucer's "The Prioress's Tale." These case studies provide a comprehensive view of the complex nature of the blood libel legend. The concluding section of the volume includes an analysis of the legend that focuses on Christian misunderstanding of the Jewish feast of Purim and the child abuse component of the legend and that attempts to bring psychoanalytic theory to bear on the content of the blood libel legend. The final essay by Alan Dundes takes a distinctly folkloristic approach, examining the legend as part of the belief system that Christians developed about Jews. This study of the blood libel legend will interest folklorists, scholars of Catholicism and Judaism, and many general readers, for it is both the literature and the history of anti-Semitism. *International Libel and Privacy*

Handbook
Defamation and Public Officials
The Practical Guide to Libel Law
The Blood Libel Legend
An Interpretive History of the
Law of Libel
And Incidentally of Malicious
Prosecutions
Lawhorne takes a
chronological approach tracing
the development of libel law
from its beginnings in 17th-
century England to American
cases settled in 1979. Seven of
the nine chapters, however,
deal with the rapid-fire
Supreme Court decisions that
have radically changed the law
of libel in the United States
over the past fifteen years,
showing continuous progress
for the freedom of speech and
the press.
The alleged libel was
published in the Boston Mirror.
Greene was an anti-Masonic
agitator.
Discusses changes in the
nature of defamation laws
which have taken place in
response to proliferation of the
media.
A Step-by-Step Guide for
Writers, Editors, and
Publishers
Proposed Federal Group Libel
Legislation
The Copyright Permission and
Libel Handbook
The Alton Telegraph Libel
Case
Gertz V. Robert Welch, Inc
In which is Contained a
General History of this Law in
the Ancient Codes, and of Its
Introduction, and Successive

Alterations, in the Law of
England : Comprehending a
Digest of All the Leading Cases
Upon Libels, from the Earliest
to the Present Time
This book argues that there
exists no natural, evolutionary
history of free speech. It also
challenges interpretations that
rest upon discovering an
'original understanding' about
the First Amendment. This
interpretive history of the law
of libel highlights the
complexity and historically
rooted nature of legal concepts
and legal consciousness in the
U. S.
America prides itself on its
freedom of expression, and it
has a reputation for tightly
restricted libel law. Indeed, a
study of more than 600 media-
related suits in the 1980s found
that ninety percent were won
by the media or thrown out of
court before even going to
trial. Even a case ending in
summary judgment can cost
the victorious defendant
\$25,000 or more, and the bill
for a full trial can easily pass
\$100,000. The volume of libel
suits has not diminished and
many defendants settle out of
court simply to avoid crippling
costs. Clearly, writes Donald
Gillmor, we are suffering a
major crisis in libel law. In
Power, Publicity, and the
Abuse of Libel Law, Gillmor
takes a revealing look at the
state of libel law and offers a
compelling agenda for change.
He begins with a disturbing

review of the abuses of libel in
our times, examining both
famous and little known cases.
Wayne Newton, for example,
won an initial \$22.7 million
jury award against NBC for an
unflattering story--even though
he went on to get a Nevada
casino license, a \$19 million
loan, the Presidential Medal of
Freedom, and was made grand
marshal of an Independence
Day parade in Washington, DC.
"It was not clear," Gillmor
writes, "for what NBC was
being punished; the network
obviously hadn't damaged
Newton's reputation." Even tiny
papers suffer crippling lawsuits.
One 1,300-circulation
publication was sued for \$20
million; even though the case
was dismissed, the defense cost
\$20,000. Such actions, Gillmor
writes, dampen the fire of a free
press. Lively journalism has
always been an American
tradition--if anything, the press
was far more reckless in the
days of the framers of the
constitution; they often suffered
its barbs even as they sought to
protect it. Today it is almost
impossible for the state to
prosecute for seditious libel or
criticism of government. But
civil libel law, Gillmor shows,
has taken its place in punishing
verbal attacks on government
officials, in spite of decisions
intended to protect free speech
and press (notably New York
Times v. Sullivan). He
proposes radical structural
changes in the law to make it

impossible for policymakers and celebrities to sue for libel. At the same time, he appeals to editors to ensure that those they wrong will have opportunities to respond in the media. As Justice Louis Brandeis wrote long ago, the remedy to wrongs in the press "is more speech, not enforced silence." "Libel laws have become complicated almost beyond human comprehension," Gillmor writes. "The result is a profusion of libel suits, in which the only clear winners generally are libel lawyers." This provocative and revealing book illuminates a path out of the confusion and toward a safer environment for our cherished birthright, freedom of speech and press. In 1980 the Alton Telegraph of Madison County, Illinois, was mortally wounded by a \$9.2 million damage award for a story it did not even print. In the role of investigative reporter, Littlewood gives deep background on all concerned in the libel suit. He looks at the people, the factions of the town, the county. Reputed to be a plaintiff's paradise, Madison County, he points out, frequently leads the nation in damage awards of \$1 million or more. The case involved an investigation of the rumored Mafia connections of a local savings and loan association and a young builder. At the request of federal investigators, two reporters for the Alton

Telegraph wrote a confidential memo to representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice reporting their unverified (and unpublished) information. Thus the damage suit. With the jury verdict, the only alternative for the owners of the newspaper was bankruptcy

Myth and Reality
The Report of the Libel Reform Project of the Annenberg Washington Program
The Law of Libel
St. Amant v. Thompson and the Transformation of Libel Law
Reckless Disregard
A Practical Book on Libel, Contempt, and Kindred Topics for Lawyers, and for Students and Workers in the Newspaper Field

This first comprehensive study of the changes which have occurred in the law of libel over the years fills a long-felt need by journalists and others in the field of communication for a book dealing specifically with press law and public officials. However, though written primarily for the working press and students of journalism, the work will be of interest to general readers concerned with public affairs, and, through its compilation of widely-scattered information, will be useful as a reference tool for lawyers. The story of

libel law, from colonial times to the present, is basically the story of courtroom battles between public officials claiming the right to a good name and private citizens claiming the right to know about and discuss public officials. As Mr. Hart points out, history shows that in the United States the law for libeling public officials has been consistently narrowed as the public's right to know about their government and discuss their leaders has broadened. Mr. Lawhorne thus traces the evolution of libel law in this country, explains the reasons for the recent liberalization of the law, and suggests some of the present dangers, in his opinion, stemming from the abuse of the law. Among the precedent-setting cases cited by Mr. Lawhorne are *Garrison v. Louisiana*, *Dodd v. Pearson*, and *Goldwater v. Ginzberg*. Among his conclusions is a warning to those who disseminate information to confine their comments to the truth by virtue of strict ethical standards, lest the reaction to present liberal libel law lead to highly restrictive law of the future. As the recent cases involving William Westmoreland and Ariel Sharon re-veal, libel

suits filed against media organizations have become an increasingly serious problem in recent years. The potential for inhibiting news coverage or even putting a news organization out of business has never been greater. This book explores historical and contemporary issues relating to libel suits against media organizations, emphasizing the consequences of the development of libel law for the First Amendment. It also considers the special problems that broadcasters have with libel suits and their potentially inhibiting effect on television news coverage. Labunski traces the development of libel law largely from 1964, when the Supreme Court entered the libel arena for the first time and began a twenty-year effort to develop standards that are fair to both sides. He describes the hostile environment which journalists must enter when they defend themselves in court. He also demonstrates the complexity and inconsistency that have resulted from the state-by-state creation of libel standards. Labunski offers suggestions, some more easily accomplished than others, that will help us get out of the libel "morass"

which twenty years of Supreme Court activity and lower court litigation have produced. This book will be of particular value to students of the First Amendment, communication scholars, working journalists, and anyone who wants to better understand the complex development of libel laws and the effect of libel suits on news coverage.

A Casebook in Anti-Semitic Folklore

The Law of Libel and Slander, and Related Action Proposal for the Reform of Libel Law

Legal History and Practice in Print and Broadcasting Protecting the Best Men Errors, Lies, and Libel