

# Electronic Media Liability – A New Look to an Old Problem

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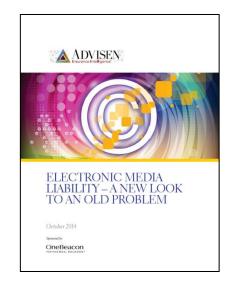




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### **Development of publishing and media**

• Define 'publisher' or 'media company' in today's electronic environment

- New mechanisms: from websites and chatrooms through to blogs and social media
- New types of litigation





### **Social Media**

• There are thousands of social media sites. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and LinkedIn most prominent

• Sites are visible to the masses: TV took 13 years to reach 50M users—The Internet took 4 years to reach 50M people

 Corporations losing control of brand relationship.
 Consumers and employees have more control over brand perception via social media

 Social media for corporations is about getting people to say the right things about you



### **Focus on Intellectual Property**

- Exposures
- Legal developments
- Claim examples





### **Focus on Defamation**

- Exposures
- Legal developments
- Claim examples





### **Regulatory actions**

- Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)
- CAN-SPAM Act
- Communications Decency Act
- Federal Trade Commission Act. Section
  5: Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices





### How to mitigate exposures?

#### Risk management programs

#### Realize the breadth of exposure in order to mitigate it





## How to mitigate exposures? Takeaways

- 1. Written statement prohibiting the use of copyrighted or trademarked material without permission
- 2. Employee prohibited from speaking on employers behalf in Internet posts
- 3. Disclaimer present if employees mention the company in any capacity online without authorization





## How to mitigate exposures? Takeaways

- 4. Provide fair use education to all employees who produce material
- 5. Written policy for responding to demands for removing copyright-protected material
- 6. Have a knowledgeable lawyer review the company's website and policies
- 7. Purchase insurance that adequately covers media liability risks



### **Insurance solutions**

- Outline cover
- Overview of products
- Ensure cover is appropriate to data distribution channels.





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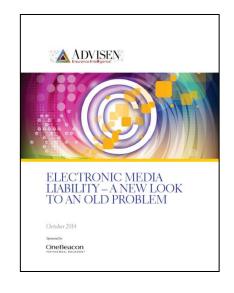




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