

## Brooks Pierce's Newsroom Law Blog

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Brooks Pierce began publishing its Newsroom Law Blog in late 2008 as a resource to keep journalists, editors, and legal educators up to date on legal issues affecting the newsroom. Thus far, the Newsroom Law Blog has published over 65 posts. The archive feature allows visitors to the blog to search prior posts by topic, tags, and date.

We have covered national developments across a wide spectrum of traditional legal issues affecting the newsroom, such as access to public records and invasion of privacy, breaking news, such as an analysis of recently confirmed Supreme Court nominee Sotomayor's First Amendment opinions, and emerging legal issues raised by Internet publication, such as whether the First Amendment grants Internet commentators the right to remain anonymous.

Several media outlets, including *Inside Counsel* magazine and the *Raleigh Telegram*, utilize blog posts and the blog's authors as sources. Organizations such as the Media Law Resource Center, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and the Ellen K. Solender Institute in Free Speech and Mass Media Law list the blog as a reference for freedom of speech and press matters.

The contributors to Brooks Pierce's Newsroom Law Blog comprise our firm's newsroom practice group, which includes Wade Hargrove, Mark Prak, Charles Coble, Charles Marshall, Elizabeth Spainhour, and Eric David.

Brooks Pierce lawyers have successfully represented broadcast and print clients in First Amendment and other media litigation in state and federal courts across the country. Our practice includes defending against libel, defamation, and privacy claims, prosecuting open meetings and public records actions, pursuing courtroom and court docket access cases and claims, resisting subpoenas directed to reporters and media organizations, and litigating Internet-based disputes. We also regularly conduct prepublication review of print articles and broadcast scripts and packages, and we have special experience and expertise in the area of political advertising.

If you desire additional information, please give one of our attorneys a call at (919) 839-0300.