

Introduction

The Media Law Committee of The Missouri Bar offers the second edition of this *Media Law Handbook* as a guide for journalists, lawyers, and others interested in Missouri media law. In particular, we hope that these articles will assist media professionals who desire guidance beyond the legal basics contained in the venerable *News Reporter's Handbook on Law and Courts* published by the Missouri Press-Bar Commission.

The disclaimers we offered for the first edition twelve years ago carry over here. The articles in this handbook represent the work solely of the authors and not of the committee as a whole. The contents of this handbook are intended only as a starting point for research; they cannot substitute for individualized legal advice. Articles are current only as of their stated "last revised" date. All articles are the copyrighted works of their authors.

A copy of the handbook is posted on The Missouri Bar's website, and we plan to keep that electronic version periodically updated.

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Whether you are a journalist attempting to understand the laws that govern your activities, a legal generalist seeking an introduction to a media law topic, or a specialist interested in a knowledgeable analysis, we hope that you find this handbook helpful.

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