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More than ever before, journalists and media lawyers are confronted with legal arguments and judicial opinions threatening to turn well-established First Amendment principles upside down. Truth may no longer be a defense against allegations of defamation. Social media platforms may no longer enjoy editorial control over their own content. Government agencies may feel empowered to use open records laws against the public those laws were meant to serve.

This year's 35th annual seminar highlights some of the most important issues journalists, lawyers, and insurers must overcome to traverse an increasingly gray First Amendment

landscape. Topics include how journalists should respond to subpoenas from government agencies investigating matters in the public interest; how journalists affiliated with publicly funded educational institutions balance competing professional obligations; whether the First Amendment protects lawyers who make false statements in court; how media organizations should cover the "Big Lie"; and more.

Each year, the University of Kansas School of Law and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Media Law Committee join together to host the Media and the Law Seminar in Kansas City, along with other local events, to facilitate and encourage dialogue about the latest legal issues and developments in media, law and technology.

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