



Citizen Media Law Project and Center for Sustainable Journalism Announce Conference Focused on Media Law in the Digital Age

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Cambridge, MA – August 31, 2010 – We're pleased to announce that the Citizen Media Law Project at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet & Society and the Center for Sustainable Journalism at Kennesaw State University are co-hosting a conference on September 25, 2010 entitled "Media Law in the Digital Age: The Rules Have Changed, Have You?" in Atlanta, Georgia.

Designed for journalists, bloggers, and lawyers who work with media clients, the conference will be an opportunity to learn first-hand the latest legal developments and to get your questions answered by experts in the field.

The program will bring together legal practitioners, journalists, and academics to discuss the latest legal issues facing online media ventures. Topics will include: libel law, copyright law, newsgathering law, and advertising law, as well as the legal issues arising from news aggregation, managing online communities, and business law considerations for start-up online media organizations. Small-group workshops will focus on strategies for accessing government information and understanding legal terms in content licenses, freelancer contracts, and website terms of service and privacy policies.

If you need personalized legal assistance before or after the conference, contact the Online Media Legal Network, a legal referral network for independent online media administered by the Citizen Media Law Project at the Berkman Center. For more information about the network, please visit its website: <http://www.omln.org>.

Funding for the conference is being provided by the Harnisch Foundation, which is a founding funder of the Center for Sustainable Journalism and recently provided a grant to the Berkman Center to support media law education.

Visit the conference website for more information on the conference agenda, registration and logistics: <http://csjconferences.org/medialaw>.

About the Citizen Media Law Project

The Citizen Media Law Project, which began operations in May 2007, provides legal assistance, training, research, and other resources for individuals and organizations involved in online and citizen media. CMLP endeavors to serve as a catalyst for creative thinking about the intersection of law and journalism on the Internet. Through the project's website, the active engagement of lawyers and scholars, and occasional sponsored conferences, project staff are working to build a community of lawyers, academics, and others who are interested in facilitating citizen participation in online media and protecting the legal rights of those engaged in speech on the Internet. For more information, visit <http://www.citmedialaw.org>.

About the Berkman Center for Internet & Society

The Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University is a research program founded to explore cyberspace, share in its study, and help pioneer its development. Founded in 1997, through a generous gift from Jack N. and Lillian R. Berkman, the Center is home to an ever-growing community of faculty, fellows, staff, and affiliates working on projects that span the broad range of intersections between cyberspace, technology, and society. More information can be found at <http://cyber.law.harvard.edu>.

About the Center for Sustainable Journalism

The Center for Sustainable Journalism at Kennesaw State University aims to ensure that high quality, ethically sound journalism continues to have a vibrant place in our democracy. For more information, visit <http://sustainablejournalism.org/>.

About the Harnisch Foundation

The Harnisch Foundation has been a catalyst for sustainable social change since 1998, funding and implementing innovation in the fields of philanthropy, coaching and journalism. For more information, visit <http://thehf.org/>.

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