

2026 LEGAL SEMINAR SERIES

MIC Ltd. and Ballard Spahr, a law firm with a nationally recognized First Amendment and media and entertainment law practice that administers MIC's Editorial Legal Counseling Program, are continuing their series of online seminars on key legal issues for journalists and media companies.

The webinars are **complimentary to MIC insureds**. Register, mark your calendars, and watch the seminars live at the times listed below.

2026 PROGRAMS

Covering Protests, Demonstrations, and Riots

March 25 at 3:00 PM

The United States has seen an upswing in citizen protests and demonstrations in the last year. This program will cover the best safety practices for journalists, dealing with law enforcement, using protestors as sources, defending against subpoenas for your newsgathering material, and strategies for handling online harassment.

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Tips for Reducing Risk When Gathering the News

April 22 at 3:00 PM

We'll provide an overview of the key risks faced by journalists from *gathering* the news, as opposed to risks arising from published content. We will discuss newsgathering claims like wiretapping, trespassing, and intrusion as well as the ever-evolving body of law applicable to gathering information online. We'll review the best ways to protect your confidential sources and newsgathering material, including tips on "digital hygiene."

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Evaluating Privacy Concerns in Published Content

September 16 at 3:00 PM

When might a reporter, a podcaster, or a producer be liable for reporting or conveying truthful—but potentially embarrassing—information? In an age of social media and reality TV, what information do courts still consider "private?" In this seminar, we will focus on practical advice to limit your exposure to invasion of privacy claims, including how to recognize common pitfalls and best practices for taking advantage of journalistic protections.

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Best Practices to Avoid Clearance Failures

October 27 at 3:00 PM

We'll review why clearance matters and discuss specific clearance failures that can cause claims—such as missing releases, forgetting to blur, restricted airspace for drones, chain-of-title gaps, defamation exposure, and uses of AI in film. We'll offer tips and best practices for avoiding these lapses.

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