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SUBJECT SYLLABUS



Media Law & Ethics

The Legal System

Sources of Law
The Legal Profession
Court System

Court Restrictions

Open Court Rule
Reporting Restrictions in Court
Industrial Tribunals
Access to Information
Gaining Access
Challenging Court Decisions on Access

Breach of Confidence

Obligation of Confidence
What is Confidential
Defences

Contempt of Court

Strict Liability Rule
Defences
Injunctions

Libel

Principle of Libel
Libel & Slander
Libel & Malicious Falsehood
Defamation
Plaintiff's Case
Defences Against Libel Claims
Procedure, Injunctions & Damages

Criminal Libel

Distinction between Civil & Criminal Libel
Criminal Libel in Newspapers
Defending Criminal Libel Actions
Penalties

Blasphemous Libel & Seditious Libel

Copyright

Copyright Works
Who Owns Copyright
Infringement
Duration
Remedies

Journalist Sources

Legal Implications & Restraints

Obscenity, Indecent Displays & Racial Hatred

Definition of Obscenity
Deprave & Corrupt
Search, Seizure & Forfeiture
Public Good Defence
Indecent Displays
Incitement of Racial Hatred

Elections & Parliament

Broadcasting Controls
Statements about Candidates
Parliamentary Privilege & Contempt
Freedom of Speech

Professional Regulatory Bodies

Regulatory Systems & Roles

Right to Privacy

Basic Propositions

Reading List

Main Text

Law & the Media – Tom Crone (Butterworth Heinemann)

Alternative Texts and Further Reading

McNae's Essential Law for Journalists – Tom Welsh & Walter Greenwood (Butterworth Heinemann)