

Mishcon Academy

Media law for the media

Interactive training to help you stay on the right
side of media law



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The laws governing the media are complex and ever changing. From defamation and ethical reporting through to privacy and data protection, those working in the media must contend with a range of legal issues when crafting a story. Understanding media law and the impact of each element is a vital skill that minimises the risk of legal action.

This interactive, two-hour training session delves into the key legal issues affecting those working in the media when researching, writing and delivering a story. Through case studies, insights into the latest legal cases and practical tips, our experts will guide you on how to stay on the right side of media law and prepare for future legal developments.

Who is the course for?

New and experienced media professionals seeking to gain an understanding of the latest media law and the impact of changing legislation.

Modules

Delivered in person, the interactive session covers five modules:

Defamation:

- Who can sue and be sued
- The elements of a claim
- The limitation period
- Key defences
- Liability in relation to archived material and hyperlinks
- Intermediary liability/user-generated content, including the implications of the Online Safety Act.

Responsible journalism:

- Recording calls, eavesdropping and interception

Accessing and reporting court documents, including leaked court documents

Privacy and breach of confidence:

- Modern privacy law
- Examples of confidential information, key defences and private information
- The two-stage test
- Privacy and the public interest
- Reporting criminal investigations

Basic data protection:

- The key concepts
- Data protection principles under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018
- Journalistic exemptions
- The right to be forgotten
- The impact of future legal developments, including the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill

We can also add to or replace the above with the following modules:

- Intellectual property rights, including copyright
- Advanced data protection, including the Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Market abuse considerations for financial journalists

Next steps

To find out more about how this specialist training can support journalists or to arrange a session, please contact the Mishcon Academy academy@mishcon.com.

Course leader



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Isabella is an Managing Associate, Knowledge Lawyer for the Reputation Protection group, within Mishcon Private. She has extensive experience of reputation-related disputes, including issues of defamation, privacy and data protection. Isabella has been involved in high-profile media litigation and advised clients both pre- and post-publication, often on an urgent basis. Previously, she worked as a journalist for a number of respected publications.

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