# **Study Guide: Final Exam**

Concepts, Cases, Tests, Torts, Tensions and Terms

**NOTE:** This study guide is to be used as a companion to the study guide for the midterm. The final is cumulative, because we can't simply forget or push aside the First Amendment, but the emphasis is on material we've covered since the midterm, beginning with libel.

What you should know (or at least know about):

### Libel

The Six Hurdles: Defamation/Identification/Publication (and republication)/Fault/Falsity/Injury

The single mistake rule

Three kinds of libel defamation (libel per se, etc.) Renwick v. News & Observer (Raleigh) (1984)

Times v. Sullivan, 1964

Curtis Publishing v. Butts, 1967

AP v. Walker, 1967

Fault thresholds

Plaintiff categories

Firestone v. Time, 1972

Gertz v. Welch, 1983

Milkovich v. Lorain Journal

Lohrenz v. Donnelly, 2003

Burnett v. National Enquirer, 1981

David Bar Katz v. National Enquirer, 2014

Jesse Ventura v. Estate of Chris Kyle (author, Navy SEAL)

Eramo v. Rolling Stone (2016)

Richard Jewell and the Centennial Park bombing

Types of damages

Retraction statutes

Other libel defenses (besides the hurdles)

Summary judgment

Consent

Statute of limitations

Jurisdiction

Wire service defense

Anti-SLAPP designation and Rule 11

The truth

Absolute privilege

Qualified privilege (Fair Report)

Neutral reportage

First Amendment opinion defense; fair comment and criticism

Ollman v. Evans (1984) and the Ollman Test

Hustler v. Falwell

Philadelphia Newspapers v. Hepps

ISP immunity/Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996 McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Commission (1995)
Dendrite Int'l v. Doe (2001) and the Dendrite test

## **Privacy**

Privacy as a negotiated right
Privacy as a constitutional right (Fourth Amendment, Warren & Brandeis)
Technological innovation and privacy
Other realms of privacy (solitude, intimacy, reserve, anonymity)
1890 Harvard Law Review, "Right to Privacy", by Brandeis and Warren
"reasonable expectation of privacy"
Privacy Act of 1974
Privacy Protection Act of 1980
USA PATRIOT Act
Fourth Amendment
Terry Bollea (Hulk Hogan) v. Gawker (2016)
Privacy law as tort law:

- Appropriation: Paulo Pavesich and New England Life Insurance, right to privacy v. right to publicity; name OR likeness (Bush's ears, Leno's chin, impersonators); Cardtoons case; Vanna White Samsung case; names and likenesses in the newspaper >> Booth Rule; consent
- Intrusion: physical invasion, technology pushing law, trespass and surveillance, ride-along cases (Hanlon v. Berger, Wilson v. Layne,); Le Mistral v. CBS; Dietemann v. Time, Galella v. Onassis, patchwork approach to privacy: COPPA, ECPA, Driver's License Protection Act (and South Carolina), HIPPA, FERPA, USA PATRIOT Act
- Publication of private facts: naming rape victims; Cox Broadcasting v. Cohn; Barber v. Time; what's "news"?
- False light: Georgia tort. How is it different from libel?

#### **Access to Information**

Public's "right to know" v. other priorities, like privacy, due process

Richmond Newspapers v. Virginia Branzburg v. Hayes Access to prisons Zemel v. Rusk Saxbe v. Washington Post Houchins v. KQED

Pell v. Procunier Vincent Foster death scene photos Dale Earnhardt death scene photos FOIA, 1966 Electronic Freedom of Information Act, 1996

Open Government Act, 2007

FOIA

What is an agency?
What is a record?
Who is a person?
How do you use FOIA?
What are its exemptions?

Additional statutes denying disclosure of infor., such as Homeland Sec. Act

Open records and open meetings (sunshine laws)
Government in Sunshine Act of 1976
Georgia Open Records Act of 1959
Harris v. Cox Enterprises
Macon Telegraph v. Board of Regents (UGA)
Exemptions to Open Records Act
Georgia Open Meetings Act of 1965
What do you do if you are denied access?

Tips for reporters promising sources confidentiality

## **Reporter's Privilege and Shield**

Source confidentiality and Reporter's privilege
Shield law (state and federal)
What is privilege?
Branzburg v. Hayes (again)
Times v. U.S. (Pentagon Papers case)
James Risen and the CIA
Free Flow of Information Act (federal shield law that has been proposed)
Why don't reporters want to reveal their sources? (3 big reasons)
How Branzburg decision evolved; Potter Stewart's test
Saxbe v. Washington Post
Newsroom searches:
Zurcher v. Stanford Daily
Privacy Protection Act of 1980
Justice Department's search of Associated Press's electronic records in 2013
Cohen v. Cowles Media Co. and promissory estoppel

#### Free Press v. Fair Courts

Judicial process: Free press v. fair trial, First v. Sixth
First Amendment; Sixth Amendment
Types of prejudicial press coverage
Remedies at a judge's disposal
Sheppard v. Maxwell
Prior restraints
Nebraska Press Assn. v. Stuart: 3 factors before prior restraint is allowed
Dickinson v. US
Salameh trial after WTC bombing
Open courts v. Guantanamo Bay
Richmond Newspapers v. Virginia (again)

Press-Enterprise v. Riverside Superior Court test Exceptions to open courts/open trials (4) Cameras in courtrooms Estes v. Texas, 1965 Chandler v. Florida, 1980

## **Commercial Speech**

Commercial speech v. political speech (four major contrasts)
Grid of FA protections by content (type of expression) and medium

FTC Act of 1914

Consumer culture

Valentine v. Christensen, 1942

Times v. Sullivan, 1964

Bigelow v. Virginia, 1975

Virginia State Board of Pharmacy v. Virginia Citizens, 1976

Reno v. ACLU, 1997

Advertising categories that CAN be banned

Compelling v. substantial interest

Central Hudson V. Public Service Commission and the four-part Central

Hudson Test (Commercial Speech Doctrine)

Posadas case

Rubin v. Coors

44 Liquormart v. Rhode Island

Greater New Orleans Broadcasting v. US

Nike v. Kasky, 2003

Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 2010

How regulation works: Self-regulation (Lanham Act); Consumer Action; Government Action (FTC)

False advertising

Lanham Act, section 43a, 1938

FTC options when acting on advertising, from guidelines to injunctions (7 options)

Defenses for an advertiser

### Regulation of Airwaves (broadcast spectrum)

Where we got the FCC, and why? The rationale for the FCC's regulatory authority, and how it has changed since then (scarcity).

Radio Act of 1912

Radio Act of 1927

Communications Act of 1934

Red Lion Broadcasting Co. v. FCC, 1969

Herald Publishing v. Tornillo

Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984

Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992

Turner v. FCC, 1994

Telecommunications Act of 1996

Reno v. ACLU, 1997 (again)

The Fairness Doctrine

The Equal Time Rule
Fox TV v. FCC, 2012
FCC v. Pacifica, 1978
Net Neutrality
Branded content/Native advertising/VNRs

# **Copyright/Intellectual Property**

Trademarks and patents
Copyright infringement v. Plagiarism
1790 copyright law (14 years with one renewable)
Sonny Bono Copyright Extension Act
Rural Telephone Service v. Feist Publications, 1991
Fair Use and its four dimensions
US Code, Title 17
Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998
Sony Corp. v. Universal City Studios, 1984
MGM v. Grokster, 2005
Lenz v. Universal Music Corp., 2007
Campbell v. Acuff-Rose Music, 1994
Castle Rock Entertainment v. Carol Publishing, 1997